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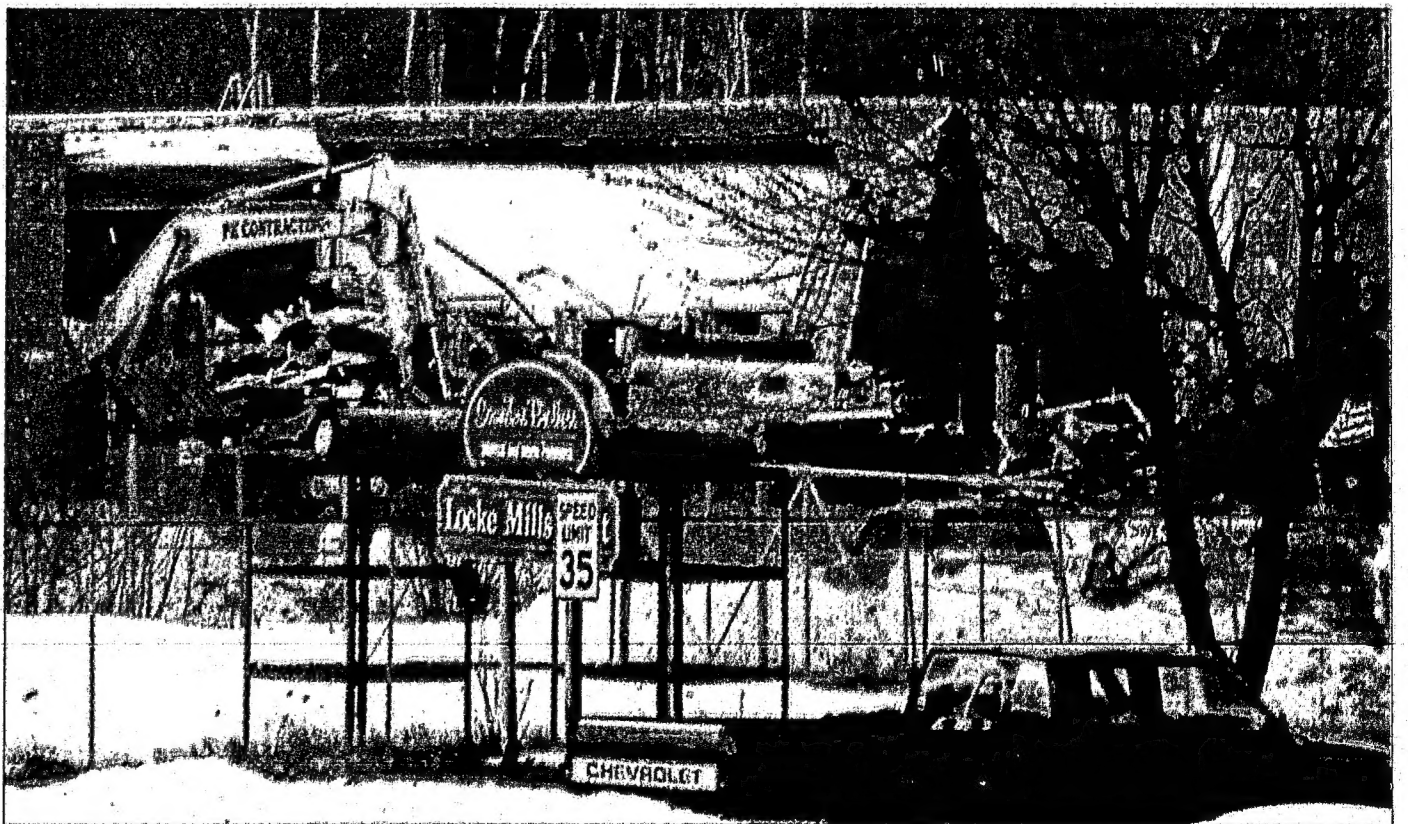
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# Obituaries



SHIREEN VINCENT

Shireen Lee Sneider Vincent died on March 12, 2014, at home, surrounded by family, from complications due to metastatic breast cancer. She was born in Dorchester, Mass., on Feb. 7, 1938, the daughter of Chester and Marion Sneider, and she grew up in Cambridge, Mass. She graduated from Cambridge High and Latin School in 1955 and from the University of Maine at Orono in 1959 with a degree in History. She also received an MA in History from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1978.

On Feb. 1, 1959, she married Jerry Vincent, whom she had met at the University of Maine. They started their life together in Yarmouth. The next year she took a position teaching English at Brunswick Junior High School. This lasted two years, and ended with the arrival of Scott, the first of three sons. Over the next five years Matthew and John were born.

In 1967 the family moved to Texas so Jerry could start graduate school at Texas A&M University. Two years later they moved to Nacogdoches, Texas, where he had joined the faculty of Stephen F. Austin State University as a professor of Geology. Shireen enrolled in the graduate program to pursue a degree in Mexican history. After completing her degree, she went to work for Community Action of Nacogdoches, a job she held for ten years, ris-

ing to the position of Deputy Director.

Upon retirement they returned to Maine where they built a house in Bethel and settled in to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Shireen quickly developed a passion for quilting. She joined Cross Country Quilters, and was very active in quilt shows and other quilting events. It seemed as though she was always at the sewing machine or cutting fabric for her quilts.

Survivors include Jerry, her husband of 55 years; son Scott and his wife Lee of Ludington, Mich.; son Matthew of Portland; son John and his wife Stacey of Pearland, Texas; granddaughter Kim of Houston, Texas; granddaughter Savannah of Chandler, Ariz. and brother Richard Sneider and his wife Andrea of Alexandria, N.H.

Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Online condolences may be shared with her family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com)



VIRGINIA HUTCHINS

Virginia Carlene Smith Hutchins died on March 27, 2014, at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris where she had resided since October, 2012.

Ginny was born in Bethel on Jan. 9, 1922 to Homer and Lillian Bean Smith. She attended Bethel schools, graduating from Gould Academy in 1939.

She was employed by a local dentist, Dr. Brown, after graduation, as an assistant. She spoke fondly

of that job and Dr. Brown. That's why the whole family never, ever missed a 6-month cleaning.

She married Lee Hutchins on Feb. 1, 1946, upon his return from military service in WWII. Together they raised four children in their hometown of Bethel where they lived for 90 years until it became necessary for them to move to a nursing home. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage until Lee's passing on April 28, 2013. Their ashes will be buried together in the same Bonnema Potters handcrafted urn later this spring.

Ginny was a stay-at-home mom until her children became school age. Once all were in school, she worked in food services for the Bethel elementary schools for 15 years. She then took a position as a tutor within the school system for children having difficulty with math and reading.

Ginny was a talented seamstress, a great cook, a pro at running a household, an avid sports fan and crossword puzzle enthusiast. She sewed most of her clothes and her daughters' when they were young. She made beautiful, frilly dresses for her granddaughters' which were passed down to be re-

loved. Ginny made beautiful quilts. Every member of her family - children and all grandchildren - all own at least one of these special treasures. She also knitted many sweaters, mittens, socks, scarves, hats and booties for the entire family and others. She could repair any piece of clothing no matter what ailed it. She even darned the family's socks. Being quite frugal people, everything was always neatly and ingeniously repaired. Every-

thing. During the summer, she spent endless hours canning and freezing vegetables from the four vegetable gardens that they tended. The larder was stocked until the next summer in their very efficient root cellar and in their freezers. Never was a store bought vegetable served. There was even enough to send home with children and grandchildren. She always had a homemade dessert available, often fresh from the oven upon return from school. She made a perfect pie crust with ease every time. She even found clever ways to cook venison. Ginny doted on her grandchildren, serving them meals in the living room, constantly checking on them for second servings. And that homemade dessert was always there. She also was a good shot; hunting game birds in the fall and woodchucks in the yard. She swiftly and efficiently kept them out of the gardens.

She served as den mother for her sons' Cub Scout troop. She taught Sunday School at the West Parish Congregational Church. She was a member of the Bethel Historical Society and S.A.M.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her daughter Jill Hutchins, her brother Charles Smith, her brother Gardiner Smith, her daughter-in-law Pam Douglass Hutchins and her son-in-law John Gilbert "Biff" Lea. She is survived by her son Michael Hutchins and wife Janis Kennagh Hutchins of South Paris; her son Mark Hutchins of Salisbury, N.H.; her daughter Kelly Hutchins Thibodeau, husband Michael and son Landon of Freeport; son-in-law Al Stimpson of Durham; her grandchildren Jennifer Hutchins Curri-

er, husband David, Jr. and children Kaleb, Colby and Carter of Oxford; Thomas Hutchins of Auburn; Andrea Hutchins Sickinger husband Jonathan and children Dylan and Taylor of South Hadley, Mass.; Karen Hutchins Bieluch and husband Jesse of Milford; Tim Lea of Greensborough, N.C.; Robin Lea and husband Jonathan Merri-field of Portland; Molly Lea and significant other Jud McIntosh of Peaks Island; Kate Lea Luckett and husband Matt of Greenville, S.C. She is also survived by her sister Elizabeth Smith Mills of Rumford and brother Homer Smith, Jr. of Bethel. Online condolences may be shared with her family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com)

A graveside service will be held May 10, 10:30 a.m., at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Greenleaf Chapel, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.

Glendon Herbert McAlister, 88, died Sunday evening, March 23, at his home at The Goddard House in Worcester, Mass., with family by his side.

Glen was born in Bethel on Oct. 23, 1925, the only child of Milo Elbert and Marjorie Mae McAlister. He attended Gould Acad-



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emy. At 17, he trained at Harvard University as a naval officer, and served in the Pacific arena during WWII. After the war, he earned a B.A. from Bates College and a Master's in Education at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts.

Glen's career as an educator spanned forty years. He designed innovative curriculums and instructional materials for specific populations of students including academically challenged and academically talented, prisoners aspiring to earn high-school and college diplomas, and college students training as educators. He served as a training director for Job Corps and a consultant to McGraw-Hill under the Office of Economic Opportunity.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lillian Marie Clayton McAlister, whom he married on Nov. 20, 1949. He leaves his brother-in-law Paul Clayton; his children Frank McAlister, Terri McAlister, Jean McAlister Cowhig, Mary McAlister and husband, John Roemer, Marjorie McAlister-Hynes, James McAlister, Helen O'Brien and Betsy O'Brien Means. He also leaves his grandchildren, Katie McAlister, Zachary McAlister-Migliorini, Ivy Richter, Mia Roemer, Steven McAlister and wife, Melissa Wilson, and great-grandchildren Joey, Lillian and Keenan McAlister.

A memorial service and luncheon was held at The Goddard House on Sunday, March 30. Donations can be made in his memory to any public library. Arrangements are through O'Connor Bros. Funeral Home, 592 Park Avenue, Worcester.

Submitted photo



AES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-From left: Ella Akers (Grade 1); Christopher Morton (Grade 3); Nathaniel Pingree (Grade 5); Connor Costa (Grade 5).

## Births

Benjamin Lawrence-Paul Thurston

Jennifer and Leslie Thurston of Albany are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Benjamin Lawrence-Paul Thurston, born on March 20, 2014 at 1:55 p.m. at Stephens Memo-

rial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces.

Maternal grandfather is Norman Chagnon of Auburn.

Maternal grandmother is Jo-Ann Farris of Albany.

Benjamin joins three sisters, Priscilla 28, Lauretta 23 and Pauline 21, and

one brother, Lionell 27.

Madeline Rose Lewis

John and Tonya Lewis of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Madeline Rose Lewis, born on March 21, 2014 at 3:25 a.m. at Stephens

Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Kathy Hebert of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Norman and Eloise Lewis of Bryant Pond.

Madeline joins a sister, Lily, age 2.

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ANNUAL MEETING  
Bethel Water District

Annual Meeting for Bethel Water District will take place at the Bethel Town Office Meeting Room, 19 Main Street, at 7:00 p.m., on April 15, 2014. The Regular Monthly Meeting scheduled for April 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled and will take place after the Annual Meeting.

### Thank You

We would like to thank all the people at the Ledgeview Living Center for the good care they gave to Elouise Howe, wife and mother, while she was there. Also a big thank you to Cliff Gray for his kindness, and for taking care of things after her death. Many people brought in food, sent cards, and made many phone calls and we thank you all.

Edwin Howe and Family

### PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 14, 2014 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from Kowloon Village Chinese Restaurant, located at 190 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at [info@bethelmaine.org](mailto:info@bethelmaine.org)

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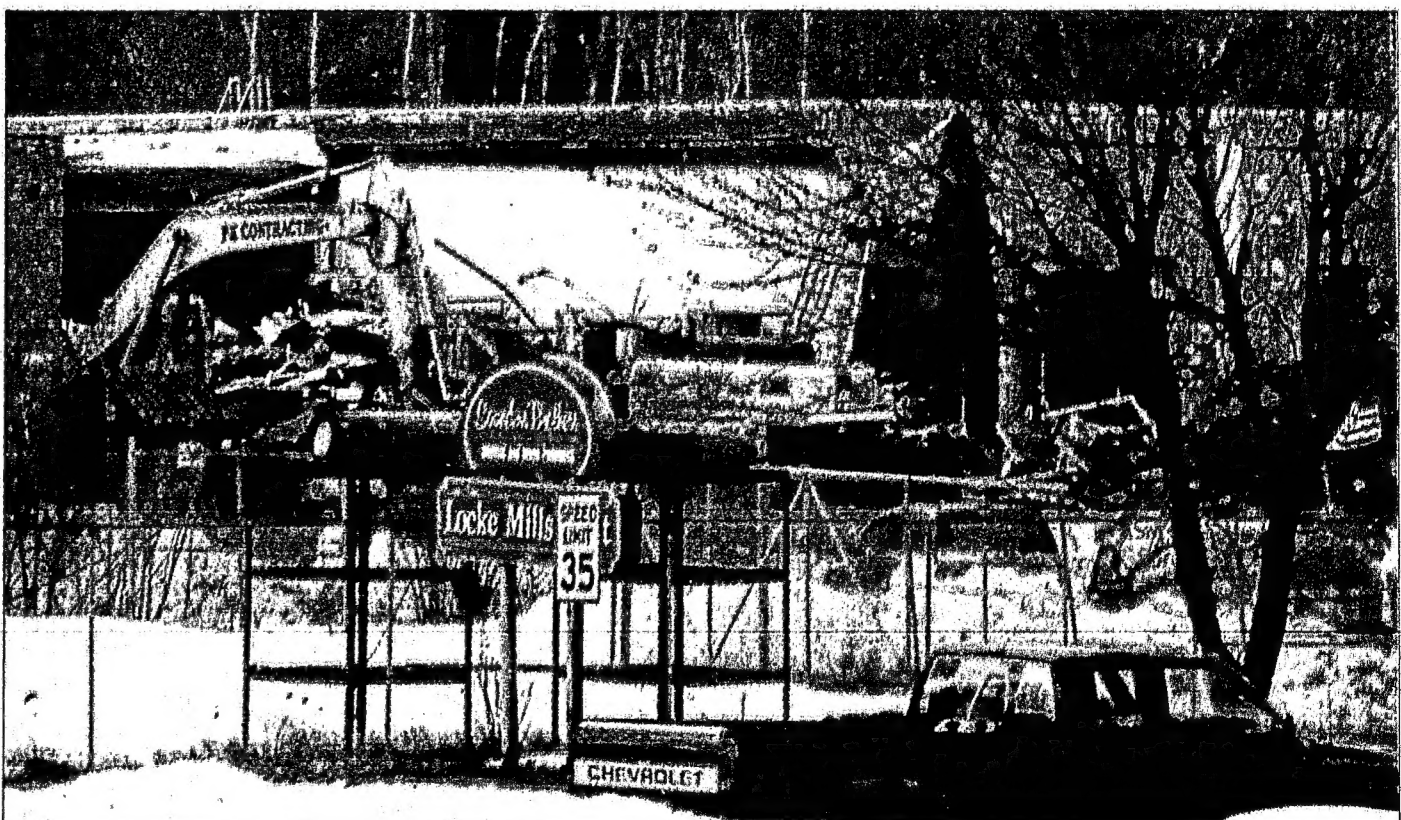
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## Letters

### A DUST CLOUD OF DISSENSION

To the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago the Bethel Citizen reported that Newry has met with SAD 44 to discuss options for easing their financial strain to the district. As I understand it, Newry currently pays the district around \$2.8 MILLION to educate 24 children and are unhappy about it. The paper reported Newry has 3 options: 1. Go to the legislature and seek a bill to change the formula. 2. Get together with the other four towns in the district to come up with a funding formula that would balance the costs across the board. 3. Withdraw.

Now, for all those residing in ANDOVER who still think Newry has no intention of leaving the district, please consider their position and these options. I'm sure they will try to work within the district to stay within the district but in the end I think it will come to this: 1. The Legislature is not about to change the funding formula currently in use for the sake of one town, especially given the financial situation Newry currently enjoys. 2. The other four towns making up the SAD 44 district are not going to accept shouldering the burden of financial balance for the sake of a contributing town, especially given the financial situation Newry currently enjoys. 3. Newry WILL vote to withdraw.

Our last chance to "get out while we can" is now. There is a dust cloud of dissension forming on the other side of Puzzle Mountain that we cannot afford to ignore. I am thankful that the town of Andover appropriated and will once again pay the "ransom" money to keep our school open, I am thankful the town voted to once again pursue withdrawal and I am hopeful the opponents of Andover's withdrawal effort will now clearly see and understand the financial ramifications of staying in SAD 44 in a future without Newry. Please consider these facts when forming your decision about withdrawal.

Pete Coolidge  
Andover

### LOCAL HUB NEWS AND THANKS

To the Editor:

We just want to give a great shout out to our community. You may or may not know us, but our family ran/owned The Local Hub for the last year. Due to the overwhelming support from our community and our awesome staff it was such a wonderful year. We just want to thank everyone who came in, sent folks our way and supported us. You should know how grateful we are for your support. It is because of you that going to work is so fun and successful. It is because of you we had to grow our store and open a second one to house just the garden supplies and then expand our offerings at The Hub! Because of you it was that much harder to make drastic changes. But alas, for reasons of time management, two stores, a farm and a growing family, we were blessed to be able to sell The Local Hub to two local and lovely ladies that will continue the vision and mold it into their own. We expect that you will all support them in the same fashion and we want to wish them the best! Many Blessings on great success, Dara and Michelle!

We also want to give a couple more big Thank Yous to the town of Greenwood for being such a great business friendly town and to Mt. Abram and the tight knit community and staff that surrounds it – it has truly been a pleasure.

You can't get rid of us that easy... Our family will continue to run Northern Roots Grow Supply and proceed to contribute the best we can there. We wholeheartedly look forward to seeing you at the corner of Bird Hill and out and about in this beautiful place we are so fortunate to live. Let's Grow! Enjoy the sun! And again, Thank You! Your dollar truly is your vote.

Nick and Janet Bartlett

### NORDIC THANKS

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, the Bethel Outdoor Center had its spring festivities – skiing, Easter egg hunting, eating and drinking, all in the rain, as so often happens in April. Many of those at the party had worked hard this winter making Nordic skiing superb at the ODC despite days of pouring rain, extreme cold, tons of snow and temperamental equipment. Mike Cooper and his indefatigable team made it all happen. This was particularly perfect for the small group of Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation participants who ski and snowshoe at the ODC every Friday.

Many thanks, Mike, to you and your crew for your generosity, your warm welcome and hard work. The Adaptive Nordic program could not happen without all of you! Of course, it goes without saying, many thanks to Sunday River Ski Resort for hosting the Adaptive alpine program.

Saranne Taylor, Nordic Adaptive Program  
Bethel

### Reminder To Letter Writers

The Citizen has recently received several letters to the editor that did not have names. We remind readers that we cannot consider publishing letters by people who do not provide their names. We also request a phone or e-mail contact (for our use only to check information). Thank you.

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### BACC AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

To the Editor,

Friday evening, May 2 will be a joyous evening as the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce holds our annual awards dinner & celebration and provides recognition to several deserving extraordinary individuals and businesses. Everyone is welcomed to attend the event and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, socializing and celebrating the accomplishments of these great people! \$39 per person or \$325 for a table of eight with a sponsor sign - and an RSVP is required by Friday, April 25th by calling the chamber office, 824-2282. Additionally, all present will have nearly 100 silent auction items to bid on!

The 2014 Business of the Year is Maine Energy Systems. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to Arla Patch. The coveted Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship is being given to Dave Bean for his tireless work and commitment to the Bethel Skateboard Park and to the Bethel Food Pantry. Hancock Lumber is being recognized as the 2014 Forest Products Industry Award. The Rocky Freda Memorial Award is being presented to Wendie Gray. Bob Baribeau is being presented this year's Public Service Award. The Bethel Area Non-profit Leadership Award is being presented to Gabe Perkins. The Rising Star Entrepreneur Award is being presented to Bethel Bait Tackle & More - Jeremy Fredette and Sarah Lane. The Ski Industry Award is being presented to Mike Cooper who is being cited for his leadership and tireless efforts with the newly created Outdoor Center, formerly the Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. Laurie Knowles Herron will be receiving the Service & Retail Award. As is customary, our past board President, this year being Bill Strauss, will be presented with our President's Award for his excellent service to the chamber and the Board of Directors. The Hospitality Employee of the Year is Sheila Holland of 22 Broad St. @ Gideon Hastings House. Kathy Bennett, an Educational Technician for the past 27 years at both Telstar and Crescent Park School, is being recognized as our Education Employee of the Year. A special recognition award is being given to Doug and Jodie Wilson for their commitment to organizing the Jeep Jamboree, a very important event that has a 25 year history here in Bethel, with Doug and Jodie at the helm for 23 of those years. We are pleased to be providing recognition to several students this year. The two Citizenship Awards are going to Maisey Griffin and Austin Ryerson, both Telstar seniors. We'll be announcing the SkiESta Scholarship recipients at a future date. The Chamber wishes to thank Franklin Savings Bank, the Presenting Sponsor of this event. Supporting sponsors are Oxford Networks and Northeast Bank and our dinner sponsor is Sunday River Resort. Remember, all are welcomed and encouraged to come celebrate with us and the recipients! A more detailed accounting of the above recipients' accomplishments can be found in its own article on Page 8.

Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director  
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

### CPS MAYFAIR

To the Editor:

The Crescent Park PTA is pleased to announce that we are hosting a Mayfair on Saturday, May 10 at the elementary school. As part of the Mayfair, we will have a fund-raising raffle, and are seeking donations of services for raffle winners. Suggested services include: Lawn mowing, Raking/Yard work, Stacking wood, Dog walking, Haircut, Massage, Car wash/vacuum, Rototilling, Babysitting, Bake a cake, House cleaning, Weeding, Mani/Pedi, Window washing, Picnic lunch, etc. If you are willing to donate an hour or two of one of these services, or something similar, please call Callie Pecunies at 207-824-0335, send an e-mail to callie.pecunies@gmail.com or leave the information, including your contact information, at the CPS office.

The festivities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include food and fun activities. More information about the full schedule will be available closer to the event date.

Callie Pecunies, Crescent Park PTA Events Committee Chair

### CAREER WEEK THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Junior class participated in Career Week during the week of March 17. The students had a break from their regular school schedule to go out and job shadow a person in their workplace. Juniors had to do 24 hours of job shadowing during that week. It is a great opportunity for them to get a sense of a profession they may want to enter after high school or college. They get hands-on experience and the chance to ask a professional lots of questions about the job and its educational requirements. Year after year, the juniors return with many wonderful stories to share. This year was no exception.

We would really like to thank all the members of this community and the larger community for the time they gave our students acting as their job site supervisors. We recognize it takes a lot of extra energy to organize your day to include high school students. We appreciate the advice and knowledge you shared with them. The junior class shared their job shadow experiences with the student body at a Career Week Fair on Wednesday, April 9.

Special thanks go out to the following workplaces for their help with our program: Andover Elementary School, Cape Coral Florida Rehab, Pinnacle Snowboarding in Valdez, Alaska, Dragon's Lair of Norway, The Outlook Studio, Sunday River Accounting, Maine State Library, Northern Roots Grow Supply, Medicare Ambulance, Sunday River Marketing, Sunday River Ski Patrol, Bethel Auto Sales, Cumberland 4H, Maine State Police, Crescent Park School, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Rumford Hospital, Black Diamond Steakhouse, Sunday River Hotels and Restaurants, Bennett's Auto Repair, Ledgeview Nursing Home, Central Maine Medical Center, Memo Recollections, 'Toe Tappin' Jazz Dance Studio, Young's Machine and Welding, Western Maine Medical Clinic at Sunday River, Bethel Kitchen Design, Portland Stage Company, Bates College, Cafe DiCocoa, Smart Care Physical Therapy, Representative Jarrod Crockett, Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, Dari Farms of Boston, Bethel Animal Hospital, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Community Child Care Center of Norway, Hair Plus, Hidden Brook Farm/Double B Rescue, Mountain Real Estate, and Rooster's Roadhouse. If you have any interest in helping with this program in future years, please contact the Telstar High School Guidance Office. We are always looking for interesting opportunities for our students.

Telstar Career Week Advisers, Sarah Southam, Robin Fraser,  
Meryl Kelly, Heath Booth, Tim O'Connor, Charlie Raymond and Lori Lindsay

## Celladore

### 'Was It All Worth It?'

Lunch was over, the list ignored. It was a warm September day, they were numbered. I put on a sunsuit, gathered a stack of magazines, went out and ensconced myself in a deck chair to read and forget the morning's frustrations. More bombings in Asia, Marya Mannes was visiting Timothy O'Leary at his Castalia, segregation's marches...my desire to be informed of the outside world slackened, nor did I wish to sit idle. Then I heard human voices.

Across the field came Pat with a basket in one hand and in the other the lead rein of the pony, Babe, with four-year-old Jennifer aboard. "Oh, you're reading, I'm interrupting you," said she. "Not at all," said I. "You've been picking mushrooms along the trail through the woods." We had mentioned several times during the summer that we ought to study mushrooms. I had loaned her two tiny English books with ten colored illustrations in each which had been left with me by a houseguest.

"Yes, and I've brought your books back. Maybe together we could identify some of them." "Splendid," said I. We sat on the grass, emptied the basket, started looking at the pictures. Jennifer grazed the pony for about three minutes, then begged off to swing on the porch. I looped the rein over my arm and went on looking. "This one might be a russula, it's in the 'poison beware' book but if we are sure of it at least we'll know it is one not to pick." We read description, size of crown, free crowded gills. What were gills? We flipped to the general essay in the front of the book.

No rule of thumb is to be trusted, read I. The color is not the definitive factor, read Pat from her book. The spores do so and so, read I. Here's the deadly amanita, read Pat, the top has white scales on it. "There are scales on the cap of a picture in the edible variety book," said I. Back to reading about russulas. A good russula has an acrid taste but it can be removed in cooking, read Pat. Should we taste it, yes, a cautious bite, then spit, spit, spit, spit, "Stop, Babe," I shouted as her sweet face reached over my shoulder ready to take a bite from the pile of mushrooms.

"Can I go and see the horses now?" wailed Jennifer. "Yes," said Pat, "but be careful." Spit, spit... "At least we are sure of one term: an acrid taste." Babe was determined to eat mushrooms. I pushed her into a clover patch to graze for a temporary distraction. "I think I can tell tubes from gills," said Pat. "They're spongy looking instead of being fluted." We were making a bit of progress but soon realized that this was not a sure criteria as tubed and gilled mushrooms appeared in both the poison and edible books.

"Can I have a drink of water?" said Jennifer. "Yes, if you get it yourself," said Pat. We decided that there were a lot of what we thought russula emetics in our pile so we picked all the attractive red-topped mushrooms out and buried them near a columbine plant. The book said best beware of them. We would pick no more of these this fall.

"This brown one looks something like a boletus," said Pat. "but there are boleti in both the poison and edible books. What does your book say?" Babe's face was over my shoulder again. "What can I do now?" wailed Jennifer.

"We should have a real textbook," said Pat. "I can see that this is a complicated subject. We'll need to study a lot before we dare eat any that we pick." We agreed that we each would buy a different book. Our method would be for each of us to identify a mushroom, then check with each other. If we agreed at once, maybe we would dare eat a bit of it. If we had chosen different varieties though, much more study would be in order. Both Jennifer and Babe were restless, time for Pat to go. I watched them vanish into the woods, then gathered up the magazines and took them back to the study. The air was getting chill. I opened the damper and put wood in the black stove, made a lemon pudding for supper as visions of mushrooms danced through my mind. I phoned Dotti B. and asked her for a bibliography and advice about which books on mushrooms to buy. I could hardly wait to order and for the book to come. The world was a fascinating place, life was an adventure, how trivial were the setbacks of the morning.

## Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN  
NICKERSON

**10 years ago:** Sunday River Ski Resort's third annual Parrothead Festival raised \$10,000 which was donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine.

A special St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railway train was making its way through the area, grinding the rails on the tracks to a new profile to reduce friction and improve efficiency.

**Births:** Tristan Michael Pelletier, Ashley Paige Marshall. **Deaths:** Bartlett Hutchinson, Dorothy Libby Childs, Howard Edwin Adams, Rex A. Allen, Celina Ann Jodrey.

**20 years ago:** Sunday River Ski Resort purchased 7,000 acres of International Paper Company land in Riley Township.

State Rep. Al Barth announced he would seek reelection to the House of Representatives for District 65.

**Deaths:** Barbara S. Heath, Raymond A. Pinette.

**30 years ago:** Heavy rains cause streams in the area to overflow their banks. Route 26 was flooded from Alder River to the SAD 44 bus garage, and some roads in Greenwood were under 3 feet of water.

Bruce the Dental Health Moose (Bill Wood) visited Ethel Bisbee and Crescent Park schools.

**Deaths:** Mrs. Rena V. Bacon, Mrs. Christine G. Grover, Maurice E. Beaupre.

**40 years ago:** A luncheon buffet and spring fashion show, featuring sports and casual wear from the Sunri Shops, was held at the Sudbury Inn.

The Bethel Area Mother's Club sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for children 2 to 10 years of age, at 7 a.m. Easter morning.

**Birth:** Vyana Ilea Runnels.

**50 years ago:** Under the supervision of social studies teacher, Forest E. Hammond, 7th and 9th grade students at Crescent Park School conducted a mock political convention and election.

Mrs. Belle Hamlin was guest of honor at an 80th birthday party held at the home of Mrs. Harold Rolfe.

**Birth:** Ian Matthew Smith.

**60 years ago:** D. Grover Brooks bought land of P.H. Chadbourne below the railroad, including the former Standard Oil Co. property, to put up tanks for his oil business.

The annual Gould Academy senior play, a three-act comedy, "Mother is a Freshman," was nearly ready for production.

**Births:** Joni May Cummings, Evelyn Ethel Cross, Daniel Clark Heino.

**Deaths:** Wallace H. Warren, Mrs. Jennie Otis Philbrook, E. Leroy Brown.

**70 years ago:** Owing to a shortage of manpower the students at Gould Academy volunteered to give their services where wanted to clean up front lawns, sidewalks and streets.

Everett Merrill was elected foreman of the Bethel Pump Company.

**Death:** Perley E. Mason.

**80 years ago:** Lon E. Wight announced his candidacy for State Senator on the Republican ticket.

Milan A. Chapin, Jr. was attending graduate school at Clark University to complete his work for a doctor's degree.

**Deaths:** Virgil McAllister, William Heath, Ellsworth Murch.

**90 years ago:** Ray and Roy Cummings returned from a motor trip to California having left Bethel the previous October. They traveled 11,000 miles on their western trip.

Pulpwood was being driven in the meadow brooks.

Plans were underway to hold a County YMCA convention in Bethel.

**Death:** A. C. Farwell.

**100 years ago:** Albert Silver and Earl Cummings attended automobile school in Portland.

The brick school house was wired for electricity. Jameson Finney did the work.

Frank Gibson bought the Henry Perkins house, North west Bethel, and moved his family there.

**Death:** John Clark Sauters.

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# ORGANIC

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is independently owned, McCabe said they are not bound to a single supplier. "We have the flexibility to buy as much as we want from specialty producers and local farmers," she said. "We're trying to expand the amount of local foods we carry as much as we can."

McCabe's brother, Shawn Glidden, manages the meat department, where she said he often has requests to stock local grass-fed beef and other locally-raised meats. They are currently looking for a supplier.

Rather than having all of the non-perishable organic foods grouped in a single aisle, McCabe said they are stocked throughout the store on the shelves next to their non-organic counterparts. That lets people compare prices easily and, as one shopper said, "I might pick up an organic version of an item instead of the brand I usually buy, just to try it out."

A tour of the store showed organic and natural alternatives in nearly every aisle: Hannaford's line of Nature's Place organic greens and herbs in the produce department; Wick's Organic Fair Trade coffees; Kashi Organic Promise cereals; Nature's Place peanut butter, jams, and jellies; Stonyfield Organic Yogurt in the dairy section.

Gould Academy faculty members Andee and Doug Alford said that although they make occasional shopping trips to Portland, where they stock up on groceries at Trader Joe's, they shop at the Foodliner almost every day.



Kristy York arranges organic zucchini and broccoli in the produce case at the Bethel Foodliner. A. Chapman

"There may be a few things we can't get here, but usually they have just about everything we're looking for," said Andee Alford.

She added that she believes it is more important to buy foods that are locally produced than to focus on always buying organic. "We like to buy local whenever we can. Not necessarily organic; I think that's a label that has been overused and has lost some of its significance."

"Basically, we eat fresh fruits and vegetables as much as we can because they're healthy," added Doug Alford. "For our regular shopping, we come here. We only live a block and a half away, and sometimes we're here two or three times a day."

McCabe said that in addition to requests for natural and organic products, the demand for food items for special diets, especially gluten-free products, has soared. "Spaghetti, crackers, you

name it, people are looking for a gluten-free option," she said. She tries to respond to all special requests, searching out new suppliers when needed.

"We'll try anything once to see if it will sell. Being a small store, when we order a new product, we do have to make sure we can turn it over."

"We take requests all the time. We love getting special requests because that lets us know exactly what people are looking for."

# MILL

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that she anticipated using machinery in the future, but did not elaborate.

She bought the mill at auction in 2010 and reopened it with a focus on assembling furniture components and making rolling pins. It shut down last year for renovations

in anticipation of reopening this year, she said then.

There has been a mill at the site since Samuel Locke, the namesake for Locke's Mills village, first established one in 1819, according to the Greenwood Historical Society.

# TRUCK

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has about \$62,000 in the Fire Truck Reserve Account. But the timetable would require that voters, if they approve the purchase at Town Meeting, also approve the expenditure of the funds before July 1, which is the start of the next fiscal year.

Curtis said the newer

truck would carry more firefighters, allowing them to respond from the station instead of in their personal vehicles.

The current proposed budget totals about \$1.2 million, up \$150,000 over last year.

The budget hearing takes place at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

# DEP eyes wood smoke over Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Anecdotal reports of wood smoke hanging low over Bethel on cold winter days could prompt a study next winter by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

If proven to be a regular occurrence, it could possibly lead to a rebate program to encourage users of older woodstoves to turn them in for newer, more efficient models.

Andy Johnson, DEP's Division Director of Air Quality Assessment, said recently that his department has heard in the past from people who regularly travel through Bethel have often observed smoke when there is a temperature inversion.

For example, "A trucker who goes through there all the time mentioned it," said Johnson, as did a Forest Service employee who is often in the area.

The particulates produced by the burning of wood can cause lung and other health problems, according to the Maine Lung Association.

Johnson said that while levels of wood smoke in the air are not a problem statewide, his agency is looking for areas that have a problem because of local geography, meteorology and level of wood stove use.

But that doesn't mean

DEP will rush off to do air testing based only on informal reports.

Johnson said DEP would first contact hospital emergency rooms to get data on the numbers of people showing up with respiratory problems, and also tap into existing data, such as information from the Maine Center for Disease Control and from surveys. By the end of this month, he said, they hope to have a list of areas to target for testing.

However, even if Bethel or other areas are tested and found to have a problem, there's no guarantee a stove replacement program would become a reality. For now, anyway, there's no funding for it, Johnson said.

Other states, including New Hampshire, do have programs to help people swap older stoves for new ones that are certified by the Environmental Protection Agency. The more modern wood stoves, according to the EPA, use 30 percent less wood for the same amount of heat, and produce 70 percent less particulates both indoors and outdoors.

The Citizen contacted a dozen area residents to ask if they had observed smoke hanging over Bethel consistently during the winter. None said that they had.

# PI

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stated that the road commissioner had not accounted for his hours "for quite some time," and saying she had written checks for 50, 60 or 70 hours charged "and some weeks there had been no snow."

At the Town Meeting, when the question of overtime hours came up, Corriveau said he needed to be out as long as was necessary to plow during storms. He also said the town had cut back his department's budget in recent years.

Selectboard Chair Jeremy Morin was asked last week about the private investigator issue. He confirmed the expenditure was for an investigator, but did not

name the person targeted.

He said the decision to hire Colonial was made in an executive session, so he couldn't provide specifics or names. But, he said, the session was about a personnel matter, and there had been "some suspicious activity," and "a leaky faucet on financing."

The investigation, however, did not provide any conclusion, he said.

Morin used the word "employee" in describing the focus of the probe.

"We had an employee we felt was doing other things on town time," said Morin. But after getting inconclusive results from the investigation, the board decided

that "the system was broken. It didn't matter who the employee was," he said.

As a result, he said, selectmen had sought to instead concentrate on making the system run more smoothly, "rather than personalize it."

Asked to provide minutes from the meeting at which the executive session to hire a PI took place, Morin said there had been a lot of personnel changes in the office during that time period and he did not think minutes were available.

But, he said, any record there might be would show the decisions made were legitimate.

Corriveau was out of town this week when the Citizen tried to contact him for comment. But his wife,

Sue, said that she and her husband believe he was the subject of the investigation, calling it "unsettling." She said they had not been notified of an executive session.

Regarding the issue of overtime hours, she said that in addition to plowing, he is also responsible for maintenance of town road equipment, fire trucks and the garage. She said her husband may have been busy with those responsibilities during times when snow plowing was not needed.

Morin had praised Fred Corriveau at Town Meeting on certain aspects of his job, saying that on snowy nights at 2 a.m. he never worried about the road commissioner getting the work done.

## Time for Spring Break!

We will be closing after lunch on Sunday, April 13 and will re-open Memorial Day Weekend.

Thank you all for making it happen, see you soon!



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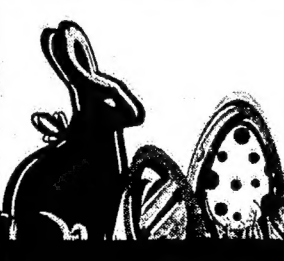
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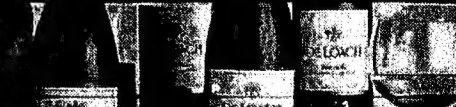
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## Bethel budgeters trim back rec director position

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Recreation Committee is hoping a proposed \$8,000 for a part-time recreation director will start them down the road toward better coordination with SAD 44 for use of its ball fields and generally provide improved recreational opportunities.

At a recent joint meeting of the Bethel Budget Committee and the selectmen, the funding for the position was reduced from the \$14,500 originally requested.

An Ad Hoc Recreation Facilities Committee proposed the half-time position to provide better coordination of activities and to seek grant funding for projects.

But some on the Budget Committee were skeptical. Bob Everett initially questioned the need for it, and Mike Jodrey, noting he has 33 employees as fire chief and must seek grant money on his own time, questioned the need for 1,040 hours in annual labor for recreation. He said he does not spend that amount of time on his responsibilities.

Rec Committee members Todd Wheeler and Mike Pelletier said a key need is better coordination with SAD 44 in using its ball fields in the summer and gymnasiums in the winter.

Wheeler said that currently, the district does not maintain its fields in the summer, and that on some occasions he had mowed a field himself, at his own expense, on the day of a game.

Pelletier added that he had also been told by SAD 44 that he could not mow a field because of safety concerns.

A rec director, they said, might work out a plan to coordinate facility usage and perhaps fundraise to maintain fields in the summer.

Pelletier also noted that for this year's recreational basketball program with 92 kids at Crescent Park School, many of the participants did not pay the fee. He said he could not track everyone down, and such a task could be the responsibility of a director.

"It's the communication piece," he said, that needs improvement.

Wheeler cited the town of Mexico, which he said is similar in size to Bethel and has a recreation budget of \$114,000 with \$30,000 for a rec director, compared to Bethel's proposed \$30,000 total budget for next year.

Budget Committee member Fran Head wondered if the Rec Committee could seek sponsors who might advertise with banners on the fences at ball fields,

similar to what Woodstock does on town-owned fields.

But Levi Brown, who is the teaching principal at CPS, said the district has a policy that limits sponsorships.

The budgeters eventually agreed to a compromise figure of \$8,000 for a rec director to start, with a plan to evaluate the worth of the funding in the future.

The Rec Committee members also said they are working with Woodstock and Greenwood to possibly combine some rec programs, and there might possibly be potential in the future to share a rec director.

### Basketball court

Wheeler was asked about the status of a basketball court planned for Davis Park land behind Dunkin Donuts.

Residents approved the court plan last year over another proposal to put a dog park on the site.

Wheeler said he met last fall with a representative of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, who said a new wetlands delineation would have to be completed on all of Davis Park before it could be determined where a court could be placed.

Doar said the wetland evaluation "might be expensive" but he did not venture a guess on an amount.

## Briefly

### Dan Hart named SAD 17 elementary principal

NORWAY-Dan Hart, who resigned last week as the principal of Telstar Regional High School (effective the end of the school year), was appointed by the SAD 17 School Board as principal of the Guy E. Rowe Elementary School. He will take over from retiring Principal George Sincerbeaux. Hart served as THS principal for six years and was the former principal at Dirigo High School in Dixfield for seven years and student coordinator at the Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico. He has a bachelors degree in criminal justice/sociology, a masters degree in counselor education and a certificate of advanced studies in educational leadership.

### Clukey honored by Warden Service

By Terry Karkos/  
Sun Media Wire

An Andover game warden was among those honored last week at the Maine Warden Service's annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony in Winslow.

Warden Brock Clukey, who has patrolled the "woods" district of Andover since 1999, received the Exemplary Service Award for his "unwavering" enforcement efforts.

According to the Warden Service, Clukey:

\* Apprehended a person who was ice fishing with 18 lines — 13 lines too many.

\* Apprehended four people ice fishing using live bait in waters deemed artificial lures only. He also

spoke with several fishermen who were leaving their lines unattended.

\* Helped with the apprehension after a foot chase of two New Hampshire fishermen dipping a closed smelt brook on Sturtevant Pond in Magalloway Plantation near the New Hampshire border who didn't have current Maine fishing licenses.

\* Apprehended a person fishing in violation with more than two lines in a native trout pond, addressed numerous slot-limit violations in trophy brook trout waters, and cited people for intentionally keeping fish alive.

\* Chased, caught and arrested two all-terrain ve-

hicle drivers on charges of operating under the influence in two separate cases.

\* Apprehended eight people hunting deer over bait, seized two buck deer killed in violation, located and summoned a hunter on a charge of illegal bear baits, made several cases involving shooting from motor vehicles and helped catch four separate night hunters.

He accomplished all of the above while still being a dedicated member of the Warden Service Color Guard Team, teaching OUI enforcement to other officers and being an active member of both the Incident Management and MARC teams.

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hicles, and \$345,900 to be raised for road improvements.

Other new proposed expenses include an expanded, full-time code enforcement officer position for \$43,157 and \$1,000 more to go toward fireworks for Mollykett Day.

The town has paid \$1,000 annually toward fireworks in recent years. Bethel Area Chamber of

Commerce Executive Director Robin Zinchuk made the request for the additional amount, noting the total cost is about \$3,000.

She said a lot of effort has been required for the BACC to raise the funds. And, she said, "It's the town's fireworks."

Budgeters also agreed to increase the on-call wages for rescue personnel

from \$1 to \$3 per hour, to bring them more in line with other area rescue organizations.

In the plus column, Doar said money taken in for excise taxes lately has been "the most since I've been town manager."

The budgeters also approved taking \$100,000 from undesignated funds to reduce the tax commitment.

## Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



I have noticed increased flocks of wild turkeys along Route 26. This is mating season for Maine's turkeys. Usually I see mostly hens, but in the past few weeks I have seen numerous tom turkeys. On Friday morning I saw a tom with ten hens. Toms are an awesome sight when they try to attract females. They puff up their bodies, strut in front of the hens, and spread their plumage. The male's tail feathers are iridescent shades of red, green, bronze and copper.

Turkeys are a hazard for drivers. They are known for walking out into traffic, so be on particular look-out for them during April and May while they are paying more attention to the other birds than traffic. Also watch for flying turkeys. When they are startled or frightened, they take off. Turkeys can fly up to 60 miles per hour for distances up to a mile.

The meteorologists on Channel 6 (WCSH television) reported on Sunday, April 6, that 69 percent of Maine is still covered with

snow. Last year at this time only 51.8 percent of the state was still under snow. The average remaining snow cover is 8.6 inches deep. My lawn has bare patches, but the snow in the woods behind the house is still three feet deep in places. I found snowshoeing slow (but a great workout) because of the soft snow. There's a danger of stepping through ice or fallen trees hidden under snow. If you're going out snowshoeing, take a cell phone. Better yet, take a partner with you.

Opening night for Gould Academy's spring musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," will be Thursday, May 22. This year Telstar students were invited to audition for roles in the production, and, along with Gould students, will perform on the stage and in the orchestra. The play will run through May 24.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

### East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I hope you enjoyed the beautiful sunshine this past Sunday, and I hope

you were able to keep your basements dry through the rain at the beginning of the week. Just think, all this moisture is going to make for some gorgeous greenery in the next month.

I was on my way to church on Sunday and when I rounded Bean's Corner, there were John, Jason and Earl all standing there looking very intent on solving the world's problems, or at least those of East Bethel. Now that is a sure sign of spring when you see Coolidges gathering at the corner for chit-chat.

Seeing them out there reminded me of something I recently read in "East Bethel Road." It seems that Uncle Cate Hastings had a good sense of humor back in the day. This is an excerpt from the book:

"The neighborhood respected his opinions and adored him, but they also had an eye out for what might happen next. Otter Brook Bridge had the habit of washing out almost annually as the spring floods pushed in from the bog. One morning Mr. Hastings and a long-winded citizen from Bean's Corner way met at the bridge," (the book does not state who that long-winded fellow was).

"They were on the Hast-



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## The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

I think it's time I did something to get myself a life. I used to have one when I was younger and had a lot more energy. I even had a little disposable income in the days of a stable economy and pre-retirement.

I would never say my life was the essence of excitement, but Henry and I used to go to plays, musicals and movies. We would go on little road trips and stop at interesting places. Sometimes we even ate out in nice restaurants. Oh my, those were the days!

But, those days are gone now. First came Henry's stroke causing a major disability and making many of the things we used to do together difficult if not impossible. Then came my early retirement right in the middle of a recession. And, somewhere along the line an aging body took over the one that used to have a lot of energy.

I'm not really complaining; I know there are people with many more difficulties than I have and the reality is, age and finance aside, I have allowed myself to stagnate. There is no doubt that I have gotten myself into a rut and need to find a way to climb out.

I had not realized to what degree I had taken on the life of a boring person un-

til someone asked me one Monday if I had had a nice weekend. To which I answered that it was uneventful except I had tried a new toilet bowl cleaner that worked really well.

That person looked at me with what I think was an expression of pity and said, "Wow, you need to get a life!"

I was a bit taken aback by that statement and then it dawned on me that the highlight of my weekend

was in fact getting a clean toilet and even worse, I was darn proud of that.

So, now I have a goal... get a life. I'm just not too sure how to do that. I was talking to my daughter about it and how this realization came to me and she suggested Facebook. That is simply not that appealing to me.

I did go on Facebook once when it was fairly new and was overwhelmed by people who wanted to befriend me. Far be it for me to turn down a potential

friend so I accepted them.

Then I was overwhelmed by my new friends' friends; who wanted to befriend me as well. Then came Mafia Wars, Farmville and virtual snowball fights. I couldn't keep up so I gave up.

There is certainly plenty that I can do around my house besides clean toilets, such as painting and papering, but I don't think those are the sorts of things to enliven me, not to mention I'm not sure I have the energy to complete any project I might start. Even with energy I have a whole closet full of projects started and never finished.

Perhaps volunteering at a school, nursing home or even the hospital would be a good choice. It would get me out of the house for brief periods of time and allow me to interact with other people in person. It seems to me that dealing with real people is much better than the electronic connection of Facebook.

And, I guess that if volunteering doesn't work out I can resort to Facebook after all. No doubt that I would meet some interesting people even if it is online and the way I see it there is a whole social network that just might want to hear about my great new toilet bowl cleaner.

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# OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, April 1

At 10:31 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the area of Howe Hill Road in Greenwood for a report of drug paraphernalia found on the side of the road. The deputy found numerous needles and a silver spoon with a white residue on it.

Thursday, April 3

At 12:51 p.m. a caller reported that a tan older model Camry sedan on the Gore Road in Bethel had thrown out a packet of lit fireworks at her. Deputy Dani Welch was assigned.

Friday, April 4

At 11:31 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to a domestic dispute in Bethel Village. Two subjects left for the night.

At 4:46 p.m. a Bethel caller reported an intoxicated subject was driving around with the caller's child in a pickup truck. Deputy Richard Murray and Cpl. Justin Brown were assigned.

At 5:33 p.m. a caller in Albany reported criminal mischief to a lawn. Deputy Richard Murray responded. The truck driver was located and charges were pending.

At 6:02 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown made contact with a suspicious vehicle and located marijuana and a smoking pipe.

At 10:20 p.m. a caller in Woodstock reported being harassed. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 11:24 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Greenwood Road in Greenwood for a single vehicle crash. There were no injuries.

Saturday, April 5

At 10:44 a.m. Cpl. George Cayer responded to the Sawyer Notch Road in Andover for two subjects who were throwing bottles and garbage over a snow embankment. The two had been confronted by a retired law enforcement official and made to clean the area up.

Sunday, April 6

At 1:44 a.m. a security officer requested assistance with some intoxicated guests in Newry. The guard later reported the guests calmed down when told the police were coming, and a response was no longer needed.

At 12:41 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney requested the Bethel Fire Department respond to the Bethel Airport for a plane that had been blown over by the wind and was leaking fuel.

At 2:20 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Howe Hill Road in Greenwood for a report of an unwanted person. The subject was located and arrested.

At 11:14 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a verbal domestic incident on Main Street in Bethel.

Monday, April 7, 2014

At 10:30 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Patte Brook Road in Albany for a report of an assault. The subject reported he had been punched in the face. Charges for assault were pending and trespass and harassment orders were also to be issued.

At 11:05 a.m. a caller on the West Bethel Road in Bethel reported something flew out in front of his vehicle, making the hood fly up, smashing the windshield, sending him into the guardrail.

At 11:51 a.m. Lt. Tom Harriman responded to the Songo Pond Road in Bethel for a domestic violence report.

ings side. The situation was clearly worsening and it was evident that the yearly disaster was about to take place. Still the man from the corner delayed crossing towards home and kept harping on his opinions. Uncle Cate was bored, and a bit annoyed. According to his creed any man ought to make certain he could get home and tend to this own work. Just to make sure that the punishment fitted the crime he volunteered an interesting word or two when the bridge was actually loosening. It went. History fails to relate how long it took the man from Bean's Corner to get back to his own front yard!"

This struck me as funny; since I've lived out here there have been several occasions when locals have gathered to shoot the breeze. Back in the day, Ronnie and Brenda would be out in their lawn chairs at Bean's Corner, but in more recent years, it's the Coolidges and Crookers who garner our attention.

As the conversations go from the amount of spring rain to how much cow dung is fertilizing the roads to slow those speeding cars down, the afternoon of laughs turns to an evening of good food and friends by the fire. To my knowledge, nobody has ever been annoyed, as John and Eva have always welcomed everyone into their home and backyard. We've made some great memories gathering at the corner.

Our time spent at the corner has brought us closer to one another as neighbors, while we've learned more about one another's lives. We may never have discussed Jesus or how the presence of the Almighty changed each of our lives, but we were sharing food and kindness, not to mention how we may be able to help one another out. John may have needed some help fixing a tractor, and we needed our garden tilled. Neighbors helping neighbors.

The next time you gather with friends, remember, whether you realize it or not, God is present. He is guiding you to learn more



**LOCALS SKI CHALLENGE WINNERS**-The 'Rooster Chicks' ski team recently won the season-ending championship for the Sunday River Locals Challenge. The team, representing Rooster's Roadhouse restaurant in Bethel, was one of 23 that took part in a season-long series of giant slalom races at Sunday River Resort. The teams were comprised of resort employees, local and non-local residents. After each race throughout the season the teams celebrated at local business establishments. Pictured here are, from left: Jill Kenney, Tracey Moir, Capt Carol Nichols, JoAnne Hicks, Kathi Burke, Joyce Roma, Celeste Keith. Seated is Steve Etheridge of Rooster's Roadhouse.

Submitted photo

about your friends, family, even a stranger who may stop by. Be kind; invite someone in for tea, coffee or a beer. Enjoy one another's company.

If you have family news or history you would like to share, I am more than willing to listen. Please e-mail me at brindlelabs@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469. Blessings to you today.

## Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Here's the update on The Local Hub. The new owners are Dara Turgeon and Michelle De-

Julio. Between the two of them they have over 30 years' experience in the food and hospitality business, and Dara is a pastry chef. The name will stay the same. While they will sell similar items as the previous owners, including the farm-fresh eggs and milk, the offerings and hours will be expanded. The store will open at 7 a.m. and have breakfast. There will be more tables making it a bit like a cafe. A few interior changes are under way right now, and the owners

hope to open around April 15. Note the words "hope" and "around." One always needs a bit of leeway when plans are involved.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection did a walk-through review of the Saunders Bros. Mill on April 4. The mill owner hopes to begin demolition of the portion of the mill that collapsed this winter but needs a permit from Maine DEP since the mill borders the Alder River.

Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis, Jr., recently requested \$60,000 to purchase a used fire truck. The

\$60,000 is in addition to the requested budget increase. This will be discussed at the town meeting in May.

The new website for the Town of Greenwood is up and running. Lots of great photos of our town. You can check it out at [www.greenwoodmaine.org](http://www.greenwoodmaine.org).

Maple syrup is available at the Dunham Farm. Greenwood syrup from Greenwood trees. You can place your order by calling Suzanne or Brian Dunham at 665-2967.

There's a Firemen's Friday fish fry coming up April 19, 3 to 6 p.m. at the

## OCSD Jail Log

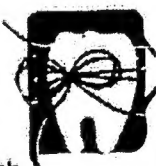
April 1, 10:47 p.m.: Perry W. Hart, 44, of Bethel, violation of bail conditions, violation of a protective order; by Cpl. George Cayer in Bethel.

April 5, 5:14 p.m.: Michael J. Burkett, 27, of Greenwood, operating after suspension; by Officer Alan Levy in Bethel.

April 6, 2:45 p.m.: Heather R. McAlister, 24, of Mexico; failure to pay fines; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Bethel.

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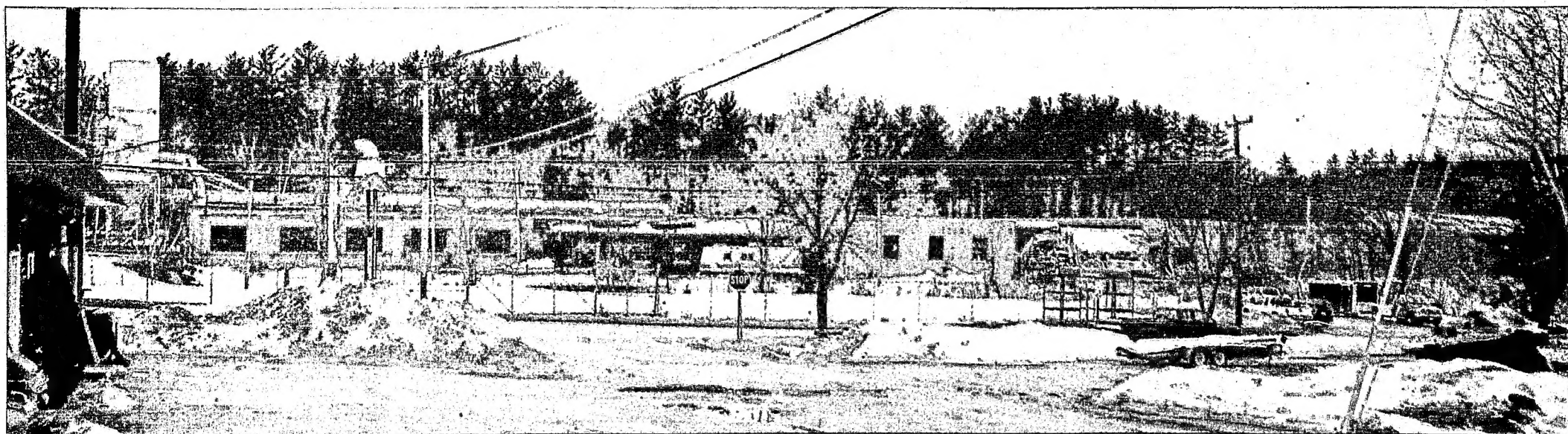
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A wide view of the Saunders Mill in Locke's Mills from across the street. The sections to the left of the collapsed-roof portion will also be taken down, according to Greenwood town officials, while the section to the right will be preserved.

A. Aloisio

Legion Hall.

A public hearing on the proposed Greenwood budget and building code changes will be held April 15, 6 p.m. at the Town Office on the Gore Road.

We've lost between 18 and 24 inches of snow pack in the last two weeks. I don't imagine anyone misses it. There is still a good two feet in the woods.

Ice out. It's not going to be anytime soon. There is still a lot of ice on the ponds, but the sun is strong and the temperatures are above freezing by day. There have also been winds, and those dry the snow and ice. I notice large areas of puddling and brown spots on Round Pond now. Other area ponds have the faintest tint of gray to them. I think I'll make April 27 as my ice out guess. What's your best guess?

Please send news to [3talchi6@gmail.com](mailto:3talchi6@gmail.com).

### Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service and at the same time, a girls' group called "Bloom" meets. April 20 is Easter, or, Resurrection Sunday. We will have a Sunrise Service with breakfast to follow at 8:30. There will be no Sunday School, Morning Worship at 10:30. April 23 is Bloom Girls' group's sleepover. Please see Marybeth for details. Sunday, April 27, Pastor Cal Fuller will be here all day. There will be a fellowship dinner.

Today (Thursday, April 10), the Whitman Memorial Library has their program. Speaker is Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired special agent for the FBI. He will talk about his time with the FBI and current plans. The public is welcome at no charge. Light refreshments.

On Saturday, April 12, the Woodstock Historical Society will meet at the Museum building on North Main Street at 6 p.m. After the business meeting, Wayne Howe will be presenting a program on the 1915 Woodstock Centennial Celebration. The program will include newspaper articles, photos and other memorabilia from the Society archives and Wayne's research. All are welcome to attend. FMI: Contact 875-3800.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, April 14 at the Grange Hall at 7 p.m.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday, April 3 at the Fire Station. Dinner was put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Very good dinner. Program by First Responders of Woodstock Fire Dept. Next meeting in May at the Locke's Mills Union Church. Program will be by SeniorsPlus. Valerie Cole will be speaker.

### Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



It is Sunday afternoon, about 48 degrees, bright blue sky and the sun is shining. It was even warm enough to open the front door and let in the warmth from the sunshine.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday. After he picked up the town mail from the mailbox, he came in and enjoyed a cup of coffee while sorting the mail before taking it to the town office.

Linda Taylor's sister, Zora LeClair, from Clayton, N.Y., spent last week visiting with Linda and family. They had a great time traveling around and even had some time to do some sewing projects while she was here.

Mary Tyler has just finished her spring bird count project. She reported that she has been seeing a return of a lot of the small birds such as Sparrows and Juncos. She also has had quite a few Starlings and Red-Winged Blackbirds, too. Mary traveled to Berlin, N.H. one day last week to have lunch and visit with her cousin, Jenny Call.

I got an e-mail from Diane 'Dupont' Bean, former Gilead resident. She said that she enjoys reading the Gilead column. Hello to you and many thanks, Diane.

I got an e-mail from my nephew, Stephen McLain, III the other day. I am including it in the column just as he wrote it: "Since Saturday was such a beautiful day, I decided to drive over to Manassas, which is less than 15 minutes away from our home in Fairfax, Virginia, to visit the Battle of Bull Run Civil War Battlefield. I drove to the visitor's center located on Henry Hill which is the location where Stonewall Jackson's artillery battled the Union artillery commanded by Captain Ricketts and Captain Griffin. This is also when General Jackson got his famous nickname. I walked both armies' lines and was very amazed to be standing over this ground, and the significance it had for the long war to come. The Union was hoping for a quick victory to end the rebellion, and the Confederates were standing their ground to defend against a believed federal overreach of states' rights. I am very happy to be living in such a historical location.

I have been working at the Pentagon now for just over eight months. Every morning I ride the Washington Metro bus to avoid the grid-locked traffic. I am still enjoying the sights I see as the bus approaches the Pentagon on I-395. Across the Potomac, I can see the Washington Monument, the U.S. Capitol Dome, the Jefferson Memorial, and, for about 2 seconds, I can see the Lincoln Memorial before it disappears behind the Pentagon.

This weekend, Marina was home visiting from Liberty University. The semester will be over in a few weeks, and then she is going to Europe on a class trip. She will be visiting Italy and Greece. After that, she will be home working during the summer ready to attend again in the fall."

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail [chappal@hotmail.com](mailto:chappal@hotmail.com).

### Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Don't forget! Two meetings Sunday, April 13. Letter B Notch Riders will meet at 9 a.m. at the Upton House. The Upton Historical Society will meet at 3 p.m. also at the Upton House. The Historical Society is looking for a large screen TV to beg, borrow, or buy. They want it

to show old logging movies during Upton Fun Day.

Sunday, March 30, was Vietnam Veterans Day. Thank you to the Vietnam vets in particular and all vets in general for your service to our country.

One of my favorite parts about spring is rabbit hunting season is over. I have no objection to rabbit hunting, but I have no liking for listening to beagles.

I read the "Backyard Reflections" about red squirrels by Sara Wright (twice) and was amused by the difference in the way she and I feel about them. I consider red squirrels to be nothing more than rats in dress clothes. I have no desire to feed them. I do not want them close to my house. When squirrels manage to get into a house, they can cause unbelievable damage to wiring and insulation. I feel that there are many good reasons that there is no closed hunting season on them.

Happy mud season! Please call 533-2010 or e-mail [backstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:backstjoe@gmail.com) with your Upton news.

### Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Wow - wasn't last week's weather beautiful! What a relief it was from the long winter's grip. Where I live, a slow winter's melt is always welcomed. I even heard geese flying over a couple of different nights. After a near record cold March, ice fishing has been extended into April. Three feet of ice cannot stop the Maine angler.

At last week's Selectboard meeting, Dave Bonney announced that there have been a couple of roofs that have collapsed in town. Barker Brook was reported to be running brown. He said he contacted DEP and they said it is an ongoing issue.

Joe Aloisio and his company, JAGJA, were awarded the bid to do the engineering on the Letter S on the outer Sunday River Road. Hopefully this undertaking will get it right. Part of JAGJA Inc.'s contract is to see the project through, but the building of the road has not been funded yet. It seemed that JAGJA was willing to work with the town on that issue.

Because the last two elections in Newry were deemed procedurally in-

correct, our two de facto School Board Directors had to resign and then were re-appointed by the Selectboard.

The Selectboard went over some bids for a security system for the Town Office. They ranged from around \$800 to \$9,620, with varying levels of security. I don't know, but maybe a couple of game cameras would suffice.

Selectman Brooks Morton asked the board if they were willing to review the Town Administrator's job description. He said there should be better clarification of her duties as well as of all the town's positions. The process would also make sure everyone's jobs are compatible with each other. Town Administrator Retta Powers clarified that she is often the town's spokesperson, either by design, or when the Selectboard does not want to do it. The Board then went into executive session for personnel reasons. Back in open session, they decided to hold a public informational meeting on May 19, to have a discussion and get input from citizens about school funding. Check [newrymaine.org](http://newrymaine.org) for details.

Neil Donovan is going to work on the town's chimneys. Summer road bids are going out. The Town Office will be closed for Patriot's Day on April 21. As of now, Selectboard meetings will start at 5 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

I want to thank the crew at MDOT for helping get my drain opened up. Thank you!

Send all news to me at [dwebster@megalink.net](mailto:dwebster@megalink.net).

### Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Lost cat! Please keep an eye out for a small black cat lost this past weekend in the area around the Hanover Post Office. Her name is Minnie. She has a white blaze on the right side of her nose and four white "mittens." She is wearing a pink collar with a bell and is very loving. If you find her or have seen her please contact Wilma Rector or e-mail [HanoverMENews@gmail.com](mailto:HanoverMENews@gmail.com).

Gretchen is back to work at the Post Office. Welcome back! We missed you.

The Library is open again

on its regular schedule. Please stop by on Wednesdays, all day, or Saturday mornings till noon, and check out the many new releases of books and DVDs for both children and adults. Miss Peggy's yummy homemade baked beans are back, and coffee and baked good are always available.

The Bees have begun plans for their next quilt project. They made a trip to the Fabric Garden in Skowhegan last week to select and purchase fabric and supplies. The Bees continue to meet on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. back at the Library to work on projects. All are welcome. Don't have a project? Just stop in to chat and catch up after the long, cold winter.

The newspapers are back and available for sale again in the boxes near the Town Office and Library thanks to the efforts of Peg Susbury. The Bethel Citizen, Rumford Falls Times and Sun Journal are being delivered there each week. You can also purchase your papers at Stony Brook Variety, just four miles west of town on Route 2.

Have you visited Stony Brook Variety yet? It's got just about anything you might need in a pinch including fresh milk, bread, eggs, groceries, beer, wine and more. The store is currently undergoing some renovations in the kitchen and dining areas. New pizza ovens, appliances, tables, and counter seating are being installed. This will allow for much improved food preparation facilities and better seating. Do stop by and check it out.

Joelle Corey-Whitman gave her final report at last week's Town of Hanover Planning Board meeting. As you may know, Joelle has resigned her position as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer for the Town. Qualified candidates interested in the position should contact the Board of Selectpersons via the Town Office.

Got news, comments, feedback, please e-mail [HanoverMENews@gmail.com](mailto:HanoverMENews@gmail.com).

### South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



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We are enjoying another great sunny day, blue skies and warm temperatures, more like spring.

Yesterday was my first day back driving the car since our first snow. I do not drive in the winter months; I leave all the driving up to Yogi.

Lots of spring birds arriving at the feeders this morning.

It was great getting the car in for a much needed bath yesterday; all that darn salt and mud built up from the winter months was disgusting.

Yogi is anxiously waiting for all the snow to go away so he can get back to work; he is counting the days.

Day surgery for me next week, will be so glad it will be over and things will be improving.

So looking forward for weekly band practices to be set up in the garage for the summer months, to have the doors open enjoying the warm weather and having friends in for the afternoon practices.

That's all from the valley this week; time to head for town to get errands done and bills paid.

Y'all have a great weekend.

#### Andover

By JANE C. RICH



The Olde Home Day Committee will meet on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The main business will be selecting a theme for 2014 and as usual the committee is open to suggestions from



**ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**—At its March 4 meeting, the Rotary Club of Bethel awarded a scholarship to college student Carlee Beatson. Carlee outlined her college activities at Susquehanna in Pennsylvania where she is majoring in psychology. One of her extra-curricular activities is Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Kevin Finley, Scholarship Committee chair is pictured here with Carlee.

Submitted photo

area residents. If you have an idea let Vickie or Marshall Meisner know. Keep in mind that this is the 34th year for Olde Home Day and that 2015 will be the 35th anniversary which is something that should be marked in a special way.

Mills Market and the Mills family will again be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. There are various age divisions so all children have an opportunity to find a prize egg. Donation buckets are in the local stores, so please support this activity which is so much fun for the children, not to mention the adults who hide eggs.

The Town Office recently notified me that they were seeking residents to serve in the following appointed positions: MedCare Representative, Planning Board Alternate, Growth Council Representative. If you're interested in any of these positions, please contact the Town Office at 392-3302.

Holy Week services at the First Congregation-

al Church will include a commemoration of the Last Supper on Thursday, April 17 at 5 p.m. followed by the Garden Meditation, the Good Friday Service will include the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7 and a Celebration of Resurrection Service at 10 a.m.

The traditional Birthday Supper will be held at the CEB on Saturday, April 26, with two sittings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. The menu is ham, baked potatoes, veggies, rolls and birthday cakes for dessert for \$8 per person. This event



**ESSAY CHALLENGE LAUNCHED AT TELSTAR**—The second annual MollyOckett Essay Challenge was launched recently at Telstar High School. Sponsored by the Student Council, speakers Cheryl Schaffler, tribal member and volunteer for Maine-Wabanaki REACH (the support organization for Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission) and Arla Patch, Community Engagement Coordinator for Maine-Wabanaki REACH, gave a power point presentation about the history, necessity and process of the TRC and how that has impacted our community. All local high school students may enter the Essay Challenge with a deadline of May 15. Essays are 1,000 words long, answer the question "Why is it important that we still celebrate MollyOckett?" and one male and one female will each win \$350. This Essay Challenge is part of the Mahoosuc Arts Council Grant: "The Bethel 2014 Native Arts Project" for which the Essay Challenge is the launch of a series of events. The judges for the essay contest are James Francis, Cultural Historian for the Penobscot Nation, Jennifer Pictou, Micmac tribal member and Education Curator for the ABBE Museum and Richard Blanco, Presidential Inaugural Poet. Gould Academy launched the Essay Challenge last month. For more information contact Arla Patch, arla@megalink.net. Pictured are, from left: Liam Gallagher, last year's male essay winner, Cheryl Schaffler, Arla Patch, and Maisey Griffin, co-president of Student Council.

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at Lakewood Camps and writing the Middle Dam news for the Citizen, being a Selectman, the Register of Deeds for Oxford East and most importantly having my childhood dream of serving God come to fruition by first being a lay leader of The First Congregational Church, then attending and graduating from Bangor Seminary, and being ordained to Christian ministry. For all of that experience I am eternally grateful to God and the people He placed in my life to make it all possible.

### Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



We finally have a few sunny and almost warm days. It has been great to wear only a light jacket or sweatshirt instead of heavy winter jackets, hats and gloves. Warm weather is coming! Found out why we find no duck eggs. It seems that either Lefty or Gertrude herself is eating the eggs. Of course they might just be jealous because Penelope the Potbellied pig is getting too much attention. They are out most of the day and only go in

when the temperature drops and it starts to get dark. That makes it more difficult. Have to put them in at night because of the creatures out and about. In fact, I saw bear tracks on the road on Sunday, big ones, too. Hope it isn't too hungry because it could probably break down the door of their house with ease.

Thursday, April 10, there is a Community Supper at the Wilkins House on Plummer Hill in Waterford. It starts at 6. The hosts will be the Murphys and the Holmstocks. Bring your best dish full of great food to share.

Thursday, April 10, there is also a Community Supper at the Bridgton Community Center from 5 to 6 p.m. at 15 Depot Street. It is free.

Saturday, April 12, there is a baked stuffed haddock dinner at the North Waterford Congo Church, 15 Green Road in Waterford. It benefits the Waterford World's Fair. Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 children.

Next week is the start of Earth Week.

Monday, April 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Rihah will present mask making. Pre-registration at 743-6329.

Tuesday, April 22, 3 to 6 p.m. Earth Day Celebra-

tion begins at CEBE (Center for Ecology Based Economy) next to Fare Share Market 447 Main Street in Norway. There will be crafts, banner making for the Parade on Saturday. All activities are free. At 7 p.m. there will be a film and discussion.

Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m. at Café Nomad, Mountain Poets will celebrate the earth with readings. Food will be available for purchase.

Saturday, April 26, 9:30: Earth Day Parade. Meet at Witherell Park for Prizes and Songs and march on the sidewalk to Alan Day Community Garden on Whitman Street. Free. At 11:30 there will be a garden blessing; 10 to 2 A.D.C.G. scavenger hunt and work party; 3 pump Film - Food for Change at Fare Share Commons; 4:30 to 6 p.m. Spring Membership Meeting and Potluck at CEBE Fare Share Commons; 7 p.m. Circus Ole! Trash into Art with Rihah Newell, \$10 tickets at the door OCHS Forum.

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m., Earth Day Concert with Heather Pierson, Church Choir, Nate Town and Davy Sturtevant, Unitarian Universalist Church. Admission \$5. 479 Main Street Norway.



SKI RAFFLE WINNER-Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club Board members Bill Brown (left) and Frank Whittier (right) recently presented a \$10,000 check to winner Ron Lavenda, a club member and long time Sunday River skier. When asked how he felt about winning \$10,000, Lavenda said "I am very happy that Bill Brown kept bugging me to buy a ticket!" Submitted photo

## News from the Bethel Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry's April distribution will be on Monday, April 14, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the Nazarene Church on Church Street, at the side door, on Park Street. The food pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hallowell, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock. An appointment is no longer needed, just come between those hours.

Daye Bean, who's been running the food pantry for eight years now, says, "We're here to help everyone who needs help." The food pantry has been serving about 50 families a month, but we know that there are many more families who qualify or have some temporary hardship and would benefit. While there are income guidelines for USDA-funded foods, all families are welcome if they're in need.

The food pantry is using a new distribution method; pre-filled boxes. Each box contains foods to help feed a family of up to four people. The boxes are not meant to supply all the

food a family will need for a month, but to supplement their food needs. They contain a variety of canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta, treats, and household items. This month, toothbrushes and tooth paste have been donated by Bethel Family Dentistry. Fresh produce, milk, eggs, bread and frozen meat, poultry, and fish are added on the delivery day on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

The boxes are pre-filled by volunteers from Telstar High School Interact; Mahosuc Kids Association, the after-school program at Crescent Park School; Gould Academy Reach Out, and local community volunteers. Their efforts prove that many hands make for light work.

Cathy DiCocco of DiCocco's Market has been making a chowder or stew using ingredients in a box to help provide ideas for things to make with the ingredients; a cup of chowder and bread are served when families arrive to pick up food. There's a possible food-pantry cookbook in the works.

If you'd like to help with the food pantry, there are many paths open to you. Food donations can be dropped off at baskets in

front the store at the Bethel Foodliner. We encourage cash donations, which provide the biggest bang for the buck because the food pantry is able to purchase food in bulk and receive steep discounts at the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. Local restaurants and businesses can provide gift certificates for a dinner out or other service that many families would otherwise be unable to afford. For May's distribution, we're hoping to collect vegetable seedlings from local farmers for distribution. Physical help is always appreciated when it comes to unloading food deliveries and filling boxes, and organizing the pantry after each distribution day and preparing for the next month's box filling.

We're grateful for help from throughout the community. Even more, we're here to help people in our community. If your family is in need, please come on Monday, April 14, between noon and 8 p.m. No appointment is needed. If you know a family in need, encourage them to come by. We're proud to help everyone in need. If you are interested in volunteering, making a cash or business donation or just have questions, please contact Dave Bean at 824-0369.

## BACC Annual Awards

### BETHEL AREA CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Friday evening, May 2nd will be a joyous evening as the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce holds our annual awards dinner & celebration and provides recognition to several deserving extraordinary individuals and businesses. Everyone is welcomed to attend the event and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, socializing and celebrating the accomplishments of these great people! \$39 per person or \$325 for a table of eight with a sponsor sign - and an RSVP is required by Friday, April 25th by calling the chamber office, 824-2282. Additionally, all present will have nearly 100 silent auction items to bid on!

The 2014 Business of the Year is Maine Energy Systems. Several nominators cited MES as the kind of innovation, solutions-based business Maine needs! Founder Les Otten and his partners Harry "Dutch" Dresser and Dr. William Strauss continue to grow their company and Bethel operation. The mission of MES is to support a transition to the use of affordable renewable wood pellet fuel for homes, businesses and institutions, create and preserve jobs in the forest products industry, and reduce our dependency on foreign fuel. They have been very successful in this!

Lifetime Achievement can be measured in years, but it is also measured on the quantity of lives that are positively enhanced by a person's efforts. This year's award will be given to Arla Patch, who for forty + years has been a teacher, both in the public schools as an art teacher, has offered private art lessons to individuals from 5 year olds - seniors, as well as being a workshop leader on topics related to using art as therapy and healing. Arla has made a profound difference in her students' lives!

The coveted Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship is being given to Dave Bean for his tireless work and commitment to the Bethel Skateboard Park and to the Bethel Food Pantry. Dave's vision for and maintenance of the Park has created a sense of teamwork and ownership among hundreds of young people - a tribute to his love of kids! Few realize the amount of time and effort required to organize, obtain and distribute food from the Pantry. Weekly trips to the Good Shepherd Food Bank, with a cadre of volunteers, are just one of the many facets to the amazing work Dave does for our community.

Hancock Lumber is being recognized as the 2014 Forest Products Industry Award. Since 1848, this family owned Maine business has had timberland operations, a sawmill division, and a network of building supply stores. In 2000 Hancock Lumber purchased the former PH Chadbourne's white pine lumber mill in Bethel and has made continual improvements in technology, processes, energy efficiency, and employee and community relations.

The Rocky Freda Memorial Award is being presented to Wendie Gray. Her leadership and dedication as the E.D. of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and support of its mission and events, makes her an individual deserving of this recognition. Wendie has been the lead organizer, even often just a committee of one, to support and sustain events to promote and benefit our river: the Free Family Fishing Festival, the float stocking program with IF&W, the river clean-up efforts with Telstar students, and the Upper Androscoggin Two Fly and Drift Boat Contests. She has also hosted countless press trips for outdoor writers from across the country.

Bob Baribeau is being presented this year's Public Service Award. Bob is the leader of the Mahosuc Mountain Rescue Team. He has been involved in search and rescue all over the state of Maine since 1988 and is one of the rescue people that the game wardens look to for leadership. He has been featured on North Woods Law, representing our local rescue group. He and his team volunteer locally as well as up north at Mt Katahdin - in both summer and winter. The group trains its members in search and rescue skills and they are well known for their technical rescue ability. An amazing service, indeed!

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Leadership Award is being presented to Gabe Perkins. Gabe is being cited for his extraordinary commitment and hundreds of volunteer hours to Mahosuc Pathways and the myriad trail projects they have completed or have underway - including Puzzle Mtn., Mt. Will, the Bingham Forest and the extension of the Bethel Pathway. His community mindedness and participation in many volunteer capacities since his return to Bethel has not gone unnoticed!

The Rising Star Entrepreneur Award is being presented to Bethel Bait Tackle & More - Jeremy Fredette and Sarah Lane. They have used their combined talents to create a wonderful addition to our Town! Jeremy brought his love of fishing and hunting - as well as the "sea" to the business, and combined with Sarah's amazing artistic talents - have made this eclectic shop a real attraction!

The Ski Industry Award is being presented to Mike Cooper who is being cited for his leadership and tireless efforts with the newly created Outdoor Center, formerly the Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. Between establishing a new nonprofit, as well as all the demands of running two Nordic ski centers, Mike has devoted thousands of hours to ensure that the Bethel area remain a viable Nordic ski destination!

Laurie Knowles Herron will be receiving the Service & Retail Award for the creation of the beautiful new area publication, The Bethel Living Magazine. Each issue features interesting stories on the many facets of business and lifestyle in the Bethel area. Her nomination cites the passion and commitment Laurie has for this new project that has been a new promotional asset to the area.

The Hospitality Employee of the Year is Sheila Holland of 22 Broad St. @ Gideon Hastings House. Amy and John Amann praise Sheila's willingness to work & dedication, "can-do" attitude, positive customer service and fantastic team member skills as reasons to recognize this great woman!

Kathy Bennett, an Educational Technician for the past 27 years at both Telstar and Crescent Park School, is being recognized as our Education Employee of the Year. Kathy's ability to connect personally with children, helping them to believe in their potential is a quality that has made her an excellent educator.

As is customary, our past board President, this year being Bill Strauss, will be presented with our President's Award for his excellent service to the chamber and the Board of Directors.

A special recognition award is being given to Doug and Jodie Wilson for their commitment to organizing the Jeep Jamboree, a very important event that has a 25 year history here in Bethel, with Doug and Jodie at the helm for 23 of those years. This event brings hundreds of Jeep families to Bethel every year and it has had a wonderful and positive economic impact on this area!

We are pleased to be providing recognition to several students this year. The two Citizenship Awards are going to Maisey Griffin and Austin Ryerson, both Telstar seniors. We'll be announcing the SkiESta Scholarship recipients at a future date.

The Chamber wishes to thank Franklin Savings Bank, the Presenting Sponsor of this event. Supporting sponsors are Oxford Networks and Northeast Bank and our dinner sponsor is Sunday River Resort. Remember, all are welcomed and encouraged to come celebrate with us and the recipients!

### PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 14, 2014 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from Kowloon Village Chinese Restaurant, located at 190 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at [info@bethelmaine.org](mailto:info@bethelmaine.org)

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## Mahoosuc Arts receives \$3,000 grant

The Mahoosuc Arts Council has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts to present a 13-member jazz project from Boston April 21 and 22, 2014. The group will debut at Hebron Academy in Hebron, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Androscoggin Theater at the Lepage Arts Center. The following evening, Makanda Project will hit the stage at 7 p.m. in Bingham Hall at Gould Academy, 25 Church Street, Bethel.

The ensemble is committed to upholding the work of the celebrated composer and educator Makanda Ken McIntyre of Boston. In addition to his primary instrument, the alto saxophone, Makanda also played flute, bass clarinet, oboe, bassoon, and many other woodwind instruments, as well as double bass, drum set, and piano. He recorded thirteen albums, the first in 1960 and one of which was released posthumously after his death in 2001. He composed well over 400 compositions, and wrote about 200 arrangements, reflecting the culture of his Caribbean and African American roots, including blues, jazz, and calypso.

In keeping with Makanda's legacy, most of the members of the Makanda Project are educators as well as musicians, and the group presents a variety of educational programs along with its performances.

Makanda Project was formed in 2005 and has kept mostly the same personnel since, consisting of 13 musicians: five saxophones, two trumpets, two trombones, a vocalist, piano, bass and drums. The leader, pianist John Kordelewski, who studied and performed with Makanda, has written arrangements for the group, working from the lead sheets in Makanda's own notebooks.

Since 2007 the group has presented an ongoing series of free concerts in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood. These concerts have reflected a belief in the importance of building a presence and role for the music on a community level. [www.mkmjazz.com/makanda-project.php](http://www.mkmjazz.com/makanda-project.php).

Tickets are \$15 for adults. All students 18 and under are free w/ID. To purchase tickets online go to our store at [www.mahoosucarts.org](http://www.mahoosucarts.org), or call 207-890-6386 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Doors open at 6:30 and curtain is 7 p.m.

## Andover Historical Society

The next meeting of the Andover Historical Society will be April 16, 10:30, at the Red Hen Café and Bakery. Plans will be confirmed for open house at both the Elm Street building and the East Andover School House. The date will be May 24 from 12 noon until 3 Memorial Week end.

We are also planning to hold an auction of donated items later in the summer, keep us in mind when you do your spring cleaning.

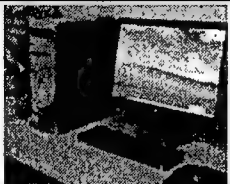
We will also be holding our annual flower show the Saturday of Olde Home day, August 2.

Any interested people are welcome to attend our meetings and also to join the society.

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## Brown Bag series

On Thursday, April 17, the Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) begins a new Brown Bag Lunch Series at Austin's Holiday House on Main Street Bethel (across from the post office) from 12:15 to 1:30.

WMSC, serving primarily the over-50 population, has recently begun to reach out to a wider community, in an effort to keep programming fresh and to meet the needs of the "rising generation." An Advisory team, composed of the "next generation" of Seniors, is being formed. At a preliminary focus group meeting, chaired by WMSC member, Nancy Davis, a number of exciting new suggestions were offered, among them a Brown Bag Lunch Series.

For a number of years WMSC has offered two programs free to the public: To Your Health and Down Home Maine. Similarly, this new series will be offered regularly and free to the public. Unlike other programs, it has been scheduled at the noon hour to attract the working population, and each session will focus on a single discussion topic. The first session grew out of two current classes, the Great Decisions segment focusing on the Islamic Awakening, and a 5-week course on Islamic Culture. Both were taught by historian Marvin Ouwinga, who will facilitate the Brown Bag segment.

Participants should bring a bag lunch (coffee and tea will be provided) and come ready to discuss the following questions: What are the beliefs of Islam, the fast-growing religion of 1.3 billion people around the world? How has this religion figured in political uprisings, social movements and civil wars?

RSVPs are important, as space is limited in our current venue. Please RSVP by April 14 to Nancy Davis ([nancydavis@megalink.net](mailto:nancydavis@megalink.net)) or 207-381-1110.

## Finnish language classes

Finnish language classes will resume at the Finnish American Heritage Center at 8 Maple Street, West Paris on Saturday, April 12.

There will be a total of four classes, both beginner and intermediate. Dates of classes are April 12 and 26 and May 10 and 24. The beginners' classes will be held from 10:30 to 12:30 and the advanced classes from 1 to 3.

Marja Leena Bailey will be the instructor. She has a fantastic method of teaching which makes it productive, interesting and fun all rolled into one.

The cost is \$95 per person and \$50 for each additional household member. FMI call 743-5677 or 674-5539.

## OCSWCD annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) will take place on April 12 at the First Congregational Church in South Paris. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a time for visiting and renewing old acquaintances, followed by dinner, entertainment, awards and a ticket auction.

The keynote speaker will be Don Perkins, "The Barn Guy" and author of "The Barns of Maine, Our History, Our Stories." Don has worked as a carpenter and woodworker, and is a member of the Timber Framers Guild. He considers himself a "Barnologist" and his interest in joinery has led him to travel the length and breadth of Maine in his exploration of the history of barns. He has written for the Portland Press Herald, and for a year and a half he penned a barn column which appeared in the Advertiser Democrat. Signed copies of his book will be available for sale at the event.

Those being honored with awards at this year's Annual Meeting are as follows: Conservation Farm of the Year, C & C Farm of Norway; Forestry Conservation, Arlan and Eleanor Jodrey of Bethel; Land Conservation, Robert Hughes of Hiram; Partner in Conservation, Oxford County Agricultural Society (OCAS); Volunteer of the Year - Sienna Tinsley.

The ticket auction will include numerous items donated by businesses and individuals that OCSWCD interacts with throughout the year.

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## Teal Ribbon Run April 19

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services, serving Oxford County and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison is energized to be holding their second annual TEAL RIBBON RUN 5K on Saturday April 19, 2014. This exciting event will take place on a 5K trail starting at the SAPARS office, located at 1 E. Main Street (same building as Ocean Breeze Tanning Salon) and looping through South Paris.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services works to prevent and eliminate sexual violence and promote healing and empowerment for people of all genders and ages who are affected by rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, stalking and sexual harassment.

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness month, the TEAL RIBBON RUN 5K, will be held in April as not only a fundraiser for SAPARS, but as a way of linking the community into physical activity. The 5K event will bring awareness to sexual violence and the services that are offered for all affected by sexual assault.

Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. with the 5K kicking off at 10 a.m. Registration will be \$20. Participants 12 years old and younger, registration is waived. All ages will be invited to participate with prizes given at the end of the event for a variety of categories. Water will be served along the course with snacks and prizes be given at the end.

For more information on this event please contact Lauren Dembski at 743-9777 ext. 5 or you can pick up registration forms at the SAPARS office.

## Probert releases two books

Author Randall Probert is announcing the recent release of two new books. Mr. Probert is well known for his historic novels, portraying life in early lumber camps and chasing poachers. He took a wide step away from his game warden/poaching books with his two "Paradigm" books where he went outside the box and gently brought the reader back again with a different perspective how to look at things that are happening around us today. Well in his novel, "An Esoteric Journey," Mr. Probert has again stepped away from the game warden/poacher books and takes the reader on a journey beyond the Earthly world.

Zvi, a young Soul in the land of Brahm, is sent into the middle of the Gulf War, now as Captain Zackery Breinstein. He is captured and because of his name, he is called a Jew and an Israeli spy and is held hostage even after the war has ended. Eventually, in his mind, he is able to see beyond the lies, deception and illusions, both from intelligence and his Iraqi captors and finds his way back to the land of Brahm.

Mr. Probert's other book, "The Three Day Club," is situated in northern Maine where Mr. Probert was a game warden. Probert brings together the two game warden characters he has used in his other game warden books, Jim and Ian Randall, as well as Roscoe Patch and Parnell Purchase with more exciting capers, as well as new characters being introduced.

There are pranks pulled on Ian Randall as he performs his duties and he in turn will pull a few pranks of his own (all in good humor... of course).

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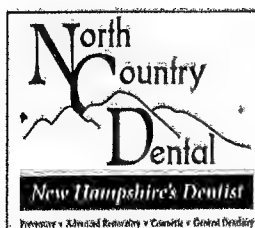
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Telstar High School

VARSITY

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
12	Richmond	Away	11:00
14	Buckfield (BB only)	Away	3:30
15	Poland (SB only)	Away	4:00
17	Fryeburg	Away	3:30
19	Gould/Mt. Abram (BB)	Away	1:00/3:00
21	Oxford Hills	Away	11:00
28	Wiscasset	Home	4:30
30	Lisbon	Away	4:30
May			
2	Winthrop	Away	4:30
5	Mt. Abram	Home	4:30
7	Carrabec	Home	4:30
9	Boothbay	Away	4:30
12	Mtn. Valley	Home	4:30
16	St. Dom's	Away	4:30
19	Madison	Away	4:30
21	Oak Hill	Home	4:30
23	Dirigo	Away	4:30
26	Hall-Dale	Home	4:30
28	Spruce Mtn.	Away	4:30
30	Monmouth	Home	4:30

Telstar High School

TRACK and FIELD

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
April			
29	St. Dom's, Winthrop, Mt. Abram	Telstar	3:45
May			
6	Lisbon & Mt. Abram	Telstar	3:45
13	Carrabec, Dirigo, Sacopee	Telstar	3:45
20	St. Dom's, Carrabec, Madison, Mtn. Valley	Telstar	3:45
29	MVC Championship	Cony HS	2:00
June			
7	States	Westbrook HS	
14	New Englands	TBA	

Telstar High School

JUNIOR VARSITY

SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
May			
1	Lisbon	Home	4:30
6	Mt. Abram	Away	4:30
10	Spruce Mtn.	Home	10:00
12	Oxford Hills	Away	4:00
13	Mtn. Valley Hosmer Field	Away	4:30
20	Madison	Home	4:30
22	Oak Hill	Away	4:30
27	Dirigo	Away	4:30
28	Oxford Hills	Home	4:00
29	Spruce Mtn.	Home	4:30

Telstar Middle School

VARSITY

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
29	Spruce Mtn.	Home	3:30
May			
1	Buckfield	Away	3:30
2	Oxford Hills	Away	3:30
6	Mtn. Valley	Home	3:30
9	Oxford Hills	Home	3:30
12	Buckfield	Home	3:30
15	Dirigo	Home	3:30
20	St. Dom's	Home	3:30
22	Mtn. Valley Mexico Rec Park	Away	3:30
27	Carrabec	Away	3:30
28	Spruce Mtn.	Away	3:30

\* Softball home games at Telstar, Baseball home games at Crescent Park School

Telstar Middle School

TRACK and FIELD

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
May			
1	Dirigo, St. Dom's, Mtn. Valley, Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	3:30
8	Mtn. Valley, Dirigo, St. Dom's, Spruce Mtn.	Mtn. Valley	3:30
15	Dirigo, St. Dom's, Mtn. Valley, Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	3:30
22	Mtn. Valley, Dirigo, St. Dom's, Spruce Mtn.	Mtn. Valley	3:30
29	Dirigo, St. Dom's, Mtn. Valley, Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	3:30

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**Bethel Area Food Pantry;** serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

## Thursday, April 10

**Whitman Memorial Library Program;** 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Retired FBI special agent Jack Richardson will talk about his time with the FBI and current programs. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please note that if there is no school in SAD 44 on this date, the program will be postponed.

**Energy Medicine for your health: An introduction to Polarity Therapy;** 3 to 4:30 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel (behind Key Bank). Presenter: Emily Ecker, LCSW, Polarity Therapist. Cost: \$10. Polarity Therapy is an energy body work modality that works on all levels of our being to restore balance and wholeness. "Energy medicine" is now being studied and utilized in Western medicine and is beginning to transform how we view and empower our health. FMI/Registration: Emily (207-357-9954).

**Small Business Shoe Box Party;** 3 to 5 p.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. Free seminar to help small business owners get started with a system to keep records sorted, organized and up to date. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457 or jpresby@ccsnh.edu).

## April 12 and 13

**Wilderness First Aid (SOLO);** UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$200 (includes lunch and materials). Register before April 4 by calling 207-665-2068.

## Saturday, April 12

**Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop;** 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Former Maine State Bee Inspector, Paul Szott. Topic: Spring maintenance and getting ready for nucs. Weather permitting there will be an open hive demonstration. Open to the public. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).

**Gary the Silent Clown;** 1 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Show to feature juggling, unicycles, stilts, mime, laughter and fun. Tickets (available at the door): \$3/children, \$6/adults.

**OCSWCD Annual Meeting;** 5:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, South Paris. The evening will begin with a time for visiting and renewing old acquaintances, followed by dinner, entertainment, awards and a ticket auction.

**Woodstock Historical Society Meeting;** 6 p.m., Museum building, Main Street. Following the meeting, Wayne Howe will present a program on the 1915 Woodstock Centennial Celebration. All are welcome to attend. FMI: 875-3800.

**Swingin' Bears Square Dance;** 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School, South Paris. Husband and wife team Kip and Linda Moulton of Scarborough will serve as caller and cuer. Refreshments will be served at intermission. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Admission: \$6, non-dancers welcome at no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or www.square-danceme.us.

## Sunday, April 13

**Letter B Notch Riders Meeting;** 9 a.m., the Upton House.

**"Earth Day! Wisdom of the Original Peoples" Service;** 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service will be led by Suzanne Dunham. Refreshments to follow.

**Upton Historical Society Meeting;** 3 p.m., the Upton House.

## Monday, April 14

**Andover Olde Home Day Committee Meeting;** 7 p.m., Andover Town Hall. Anyone interested in working on the 34th annual Olde Home Day the first weekend in August is invited to attend.

## Tuesday, April, 15

**CPS Grades 4 and 5 Spring Concert;** 6 p.m., Crescent Park gymnasium.

## Wednesday, April 16

**Andover Historical Society Meeting;** 10:30 a.m., Red Hen Café and Bakery. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the meeting and join the society.

**SeniorsPlus;** 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the area agency on aging, will be on hand to answer any

questions or concerns. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

**CPS Grades K through 3 Spring Concert;** 6 p.m., Crescent Park gymnasium

**WES Curriculum Fair/Art Show;** 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

## Thursday, April 17

**WMSC Brown Bag Lunch;** 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Austin's Holi-dea House, Main Street, Bethel. A discussion of the questions "What are the beliefs of Islam, the fast-growing religion of 1.3 billion people around the world?" and "How has this religion figured in political uprisings, social movements and civil wars?" led by Marvin Ouwinga. RSVP by April 14: nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110.

**RESCHEDULED Artsy Biz After Hours;** 5 to 7 p.m. Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 45 Church Street, Bethel. Live music, theater tours of Bingham Auditorium, refreshments, Mtn. Arts Guide Ad Contest and door prizes including a full-color half-page ad in the 2014-2015 Mtn. Arts guide, a season's pass for the Gould Performing Arts series and more. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org, 824-2575 or info@mahoosucarts.org.

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Raising Chickens" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

**Annual Thespian Showcase;** 7:30 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. \$5/general admission, \$3/students and senior citizens.

## Friday, April 19

**Ecumenical Good Friday Service;** 12 noon, Bethel United Methodist Church. Pastor Sondra Withee and Pastor Carol Stevens will preside. All are welcome.

## Saturday, April 19

**Teal Ribbon 5K;** 1 E. Main Street, South Paris. Registration: 9 a.m. Race: 10 a.m. \$20 per person, participants 12 and under, free. Proceeds to support Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services, serving Oxford County, Bridgton and Harrison. FMI: lauren Dembski (743-9777 ext. 5).

## Sunday, April 20

**"Rolling Away the Stone" Service;** 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service will be led by the Rev. Fayre Stephenson. Refreshments to follow.

## Monday, April 21

**Taking Charge of Your Health Workshop;** 12 to 1 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street Norway). Free. Light lunch will be provided. Space is limited. FMI/Registration: 744-6013.

## Tuesday, April 22

**American Red Cross Blood Drive;** 2 to 7 p.m., Main Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free 6-inch Subway sandwich. Walk ins welcome. FMI/appointments: 743-6300.

**Makanda Project Jazz Band;** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Bingham Hall Auditorium, Gould Academy. \$15/adults, all students 18 and under are free w/ID. FMI/tickets: www.mahoosucarts.org or 890-6386.

## Thursday, April 24

**Rumford Library Poetry Program;** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library's Public Room. All poetry fans, would-be poets and poets are invited. Refreshments will be served. FMI: 364-3661.

## April 25, 26 and 27

**Wilderness First Responder Refresher/Open Recert Course;** Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

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## April 26 and 27

**Shooting Sports Instructor Training;** UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$65 (includes meals and lodging). Training begins at 6 p.m. Friday and concludes at 1 p.m. Sunday. Commuters welcome. Offering archery, rifle, shotgun, hunting/wildlife training. FMI/Registration: 207-665-2068.

## Saturday, April 26

**Boating Safety Course;** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Telstar High School Room 133. \$9 per person. FMI: fowlesd@sad44.org. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

**3rd Annual Circus Ole and Feast of Fools;** 7 to 9 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases amazing performers while raising awareness about the mistreatment of circus animals. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 for adults \$5 for children 12 and under at www.circus-ole.com Tickets will be on sale at the Maine Bookhouse on Main Street in Oxford and at the door. FMI: www.circus-ole.com, or contact Ringmaster Rifah Newell at rifahnewell@gmail.com or 207-890-0545.

## Sunday, April 27

**RESCHEDULED Finnish American Heritage Society Meeting;** Finnish American Heritage Center. 1 p.m. membership potluck followed by the annual meeting and election of officers.

**"The Two May Days" Service;** 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service will be led by the Rev. Fayre Stephenson. Refreshments to follow.

## Monday, April 28

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

## Wednesday, April 30

**Community Supper (No Charge);** 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

**MLT Changing Nature Presentation;** 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Dr. George Jacobson, Maine State Climatologist, will present "Climate Variability and Maine Ecosystems- Past and Future." This event is free and open to the public. FMI: 824-3806.

## Thursday, May 1

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Alternative Housing" with Alex Miller and CEBE's Scott Vlaun. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

## Saturday, May 3

**Infant CPR Course;** 8:30 to 10 a.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street, Norway). \$10 per person, pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951.

**SMILE Fund Yard Sale;** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Please donate tools, household items, toys and books the week prior to the sale. Proceeds to benefit dental care, dentures for adults in the SAD 44 region. FMI: Jane Chandler (357-3524).

**Vendor/Craft Fair;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dixfield Opera House, 11 Main Street, Dixfield. FMI: Melanie (357-6419).

**Old Fashioned Barn Dance;** Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Potluck-supper: 5:30 p.m. Concert: 7 p.m. Dance: 8 p.m. Music by the Buttermilk Hill Band and John and Ellen Gawler. 50/50 raffle. \$12 admission, children under 16 half price. FMI: 824-2073.

## Sunday, May 4

**Mahoosuc Community Band Concert;** 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Donations accepted. Refreshments available following the concert. FMI: Brian Dunham (665-2967).

## May 7 and 17

**Bow Hunter Safety;** Wednesday (May 7) 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday (May 17) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telstar High School Library. \$10 per person. FMI: fowlesd@sad44.org.

## Wednesday, May 7

**NHS Blood Drive;** 12 to 5 p.m., Telstar gymnasium. FMI/appointments: southams@sad44.org. Walk-ins welcome.

**Telstar Middle/High School Art Show;** 5 to 8 p.m., Telstar cafeteria, auditorium and red tile area.

**Breastfeeding Class;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street, Norway). \$10 per couple, pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 743-1652 ext. 6951.

## Saturday, May 10

**CPS Mayfair;** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fundraising raffle, food and fun activities. FMI/donations: Callie Pecunies (824-0335 or callie.pecunies@gmail.com).

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## Tuesday, May 13

**Telstar Middle/High School Spring Concert;** 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances from the high school chorus and band under the direction of Jennifer Bennett and the middle school chorus and band under the direction of Tom Coolidge.

## Thursday, May 15

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Preserving Vegetables" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

## Thursday, May 29

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Importance of Bees" with Oxford Hills Bee Keepers Association. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO SEA MONSTERS EAT FOR LUNCH?

- |        |       |        |       |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| FRAMES | REAMS | STRAPS | PARTS |
| IMPART | TRAMP | PHRASE | PEARS |
| SHAPES | HEAPS | RIPSAW | WARPS |
| ARCHED | RACED | SUPPER | PURSE |
|        |       | STAPLE | PLATE |
| PASTOR | PORTS |        |       |
| PANTED | TAPED |        |       |
| BASTED | BEAST |        |       |

For more puzzle fun, go to [www.brainzzles.com](http://www.brainzzles.com)

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



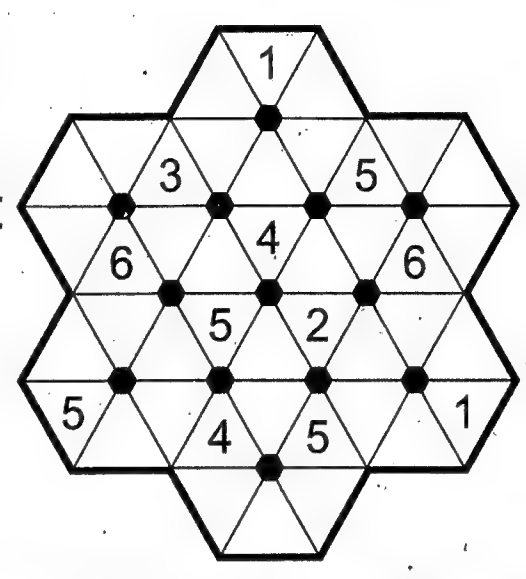
- Differences:  
1. Headband is missing. 2. Bedpost is missing. 3. Doll is missing.  
4. Glass is smaller. 5. Light switch is missing. 6. Apron is smaller.

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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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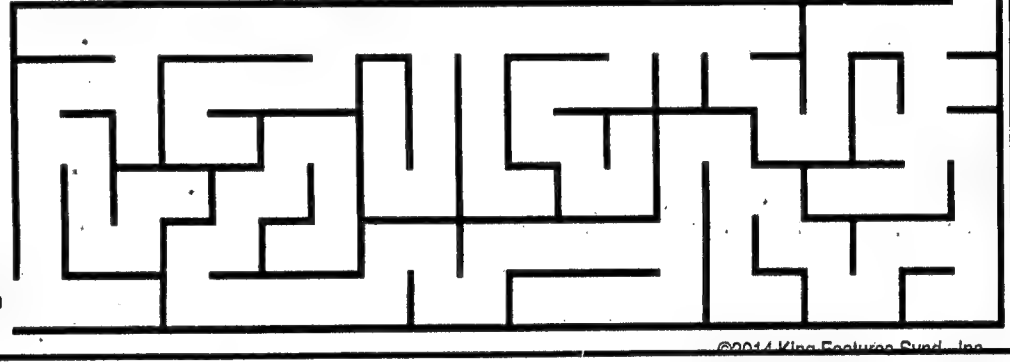
### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Snag  
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Swoop  
GULPEN  
Pop  
TURBS  
Caution  
HORTEX

TODAY'S WORD

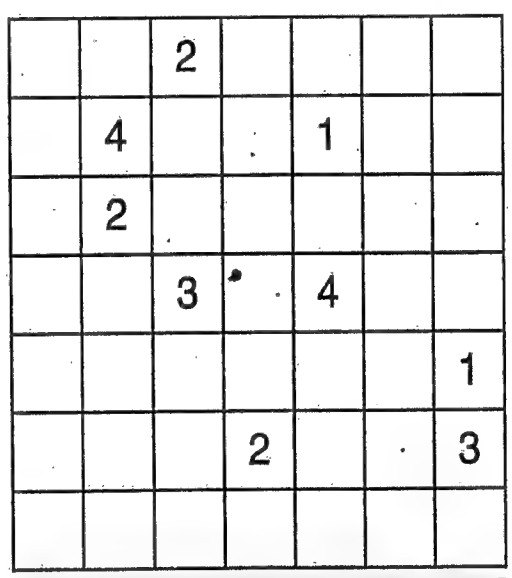
## Kids' Maze



## Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZAI

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## Super Crossword

SWEET SQUAD

ACROSS

1 A little wet  
5 Dice throw  
9 Bureau of Indian —  
16 USMC rank  
19 Downtown, say  
21 High chest of drawers  
22 Jackie's husband #2  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Chaney of old horror  
26 Eden mother  
27 Lexus, e.g.  
28 "La-la" lead-in  
29 Bouncers' demands  
30 Riddle, part 2  
39 Lay, in Soho  
40 Frankster in "The Tempest"  
41 Train stop: Abbr.  
42 Column inches sold to sponsors  
43 Crumb-toting colonists  
45 Reno fixture  
47 —-lacto  
49 Sleepy  
50 Riddle, part 3  
56 Narrow road

DOWN

12 Ending for press  
113 CIA figure  
114 No, to a kilt wearer  
115 Riddle's answer  
123 "Go, terror!"  
124 It's fact-filled bone  
125 Very same  
126 "The Simpsons" neighbor  
72 Lawyer Cohn  
73 Army unit  
74 Riddle, part 5  
79 Songs of praise  
80 Fifth sign of the zodiac  
81 Zeta follower  
82 Best guests  
84 Riddle, part 6  
93 Brit's fencing blade  
94 Pentagon's govt. division  
95 Macramé creation  
96 — around (circa)  
97 Chemical cousins  
100 Available with no Rx  
102 Trample (on)  
105 Trellis plant  
106 End of the riddle  
110 Med. country  
111 Guevara in "Evita"  
10 Way off

11 Travel by jet  
12 For — see (in plain view)  
13 "Stories for —" (1988 Glenn Close movie)  
14 President Reagan  
15 Barrett of Pink Floyd  
16 "The Cabinet of Dr. —" (classic horror film)  
17 Maker  
18 — oil (flax product)  
20 Skin care brand  
24 Gaping mouth  
30 Body fat  
31 One of Chaplin's wives  
32 Goes  
33 Jet walkway  
34 Nervous —  
35 Kind of bomb  
36 Joe  
37 O.T. book read on  
38 "— blackbirds baked in —"  
44 WA airport  
46 Prefix with bytes

48 "And — grow on"  
51 Lego piece  
52 Two Unsers of Indy  
53 Stomach "six-pack"  
54 Like a wet lawn at dawn  
55 Caddy drink  
59 Bro, for one  
60 Pipe joint  
61 Carrere of Hollywood  
62 Trim a field  
63 Mine matter  
64 Hide away  
65 "Am not!" comeback  
66 Flashy scarf  
67 Charged bit  
68 Motorist's navig. aid  
70 Capped joint  
71 George a.k.a. Boy George  
75 Ring great Muhammad  
76 Travel in the direction of  
77 Morticia's hairy cousin  
78 War vehicle  
79 Magnum of TV et al.  
82 91-Down, Italian-style  
83 "— Eat Cake" (Gershwin musical)

84 Transaction requiring no credit  
85 Certain woodwind insert  
86 "Stop! Mom Will Shoot"  
87 Part of KISS  
88 Donkey foot  
89 Like national theme songs  
90 Ph.D. offerer  
91 Sweetheart's emotion  
92 Prohibition advocates  
93 Audit, as a class  
98 In a lavish way  
99 Sinister plan  
101 Thing relied on for help  
103 Go-ahead  
104 Train stop  
107 Shish —  
108 Half of hexa-  
109 Song line  
115 — kwon do  
116 Santa —  
117 Back muscle, for short  
118 Lofty verse  
119 Stumpy's bud  
120 —  
121 Stable grain  
122 Sneaky

Answers:

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### Kids' Maze Solution

### SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word:  
1. Tangle; 2. Plunge;  
3. Burst; 4. Exhort

Answers:

FRAMES  
IMPART  
SHAPES  
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PASTOR  
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### Star★Map

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**AES SOAPBOX DERBY**-The AES Fifth Grade held a Soapbox Derby fundraiser recently. Winners were, from left: Kyle Richardson, Gracee Richardson and Codi Duclos. Submitted photo



**AES BRIDGES**-AES 5th graders built popsicle stick bridges in Ms. Thurston's class as part of their Force and Motion Science unit. The bridges were tested on how much weight they could support based on tension and compression. This bridge, designed by Dylan Duclos, Thalia Nelson and Ryleigh Richard held 48 pounds. Submitted photo

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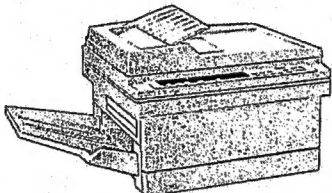
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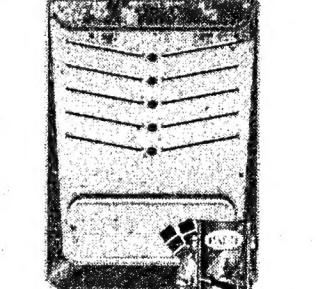
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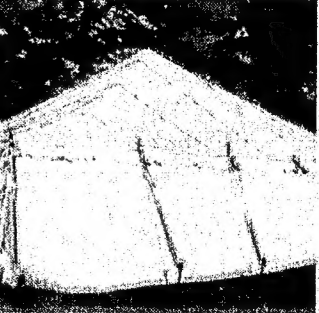
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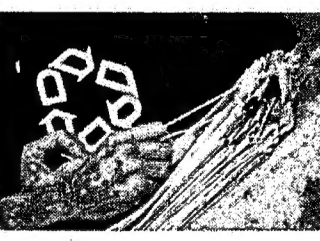


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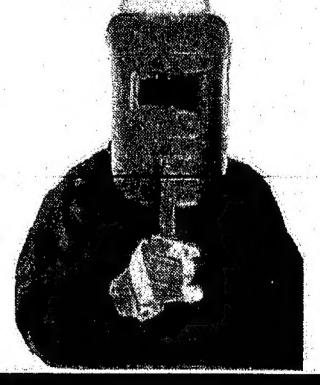
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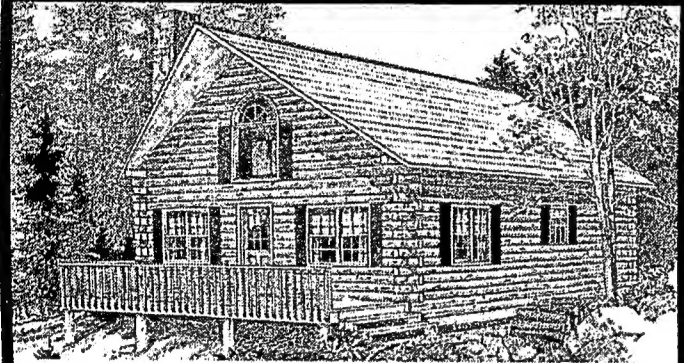
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Information concerning this invitation to bid may be obtained by contacting the Town Office at 207-824-3123 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.

All sealed bids must be marked "Road Maintenance Summer 2014" and be received at the Newry Town Office, 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine 04261 by 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2014. Bids to be opened during the April 29, 2014 during the Selectmen's Meeting.

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**TOWN OF NEWRY**  
**2014 ROADSIDE TREE TRIMMING**

The Town of Newry is seeking bid offers from qualified contractors to perform roadside tree trimming on the Sunday River Road.

Bid and contract information can be obtained from the Newry Town Office, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm. Bids are Due by Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

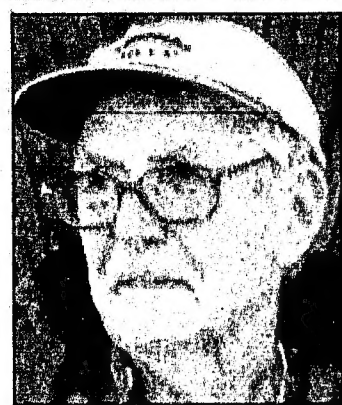
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Each Bidder, before submitting an offer, shall become completely familiar with the required work and shall rely on their own investigation. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to provide accurate measurements for bid purposes. A Municipal Representative will be available for site visits. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the material to be furnished, the work to be done, or for any defects in the final product that are the result of the absence of pre-inspection of the sites.

Bid Offers shall be clearly labeled "Tree Trimming Bid" and submitted to:  
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# Obituaries



RUEL SWAIN

Ruel E. Swain Sr., 87, passed on April 3, 2014 at the Ledgeview Living Center after a short illness. Ruel was born at the Rumford Hospital and lived on a farm in Frye for the first nine years of his life before moving to his current residence in Bethel. He followed in his father's footsteps farming the rich soil along the Androscoggin River. He is predeceased by his parents, Leah Marion Taylor Swain, Edwin Emerson Swain Sr., and his older brother Roscoe E. Swain.

Ruel and Roscoe logged with horses as teenagers and sent their logs down the Androscoggin River in the last log drive to occur on the Androscoggin. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Maureen O'Sullivan Witter Swain; his brother Edwin E. Swain Jr. and his wife Eleanor of South Carolina and Rangeley; his sister Henrietta Elizabeth Swain Taft of Otisfield; his Aunt Isabel Taylor of Windham; his sister-in-law Marjorie Connor Witter; his son, Ruel Edward Swain Jr. (Ed) and his wife Lori of Bethel; his daughter Katherine Leah Swain Healy and her husband David of Concord, N.H.; a granddaughter Danyelle Catherine Swain Paulsen and her husband James of South Paris; a grandson Blaine J. Ayotte of Concord, N.H., currently in college at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. and many, many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews as well as numerous cousins and a large extended family.

Ruel graduated from Gould Academy and was a "4 event man" skiing cross-country, jumping, slalom, and giant slalom. He served in the Army in World War II for two years at various locations in the United States. He then delivered groceries in the greater Rumford and Rangeley areas before starting work at Portland Pipeline in Shelburne, N.H. His hard work was rewarded and he was trained to be a welder on the pipeline, even welding inside the pipeline that travels under the St. Lawrence River in Quebec.

He married Maureen Witter in 1960 and after a few years they settled into the Swain farmstead. Ruel continued farming while working on the pipeline. He then chose to farm full time as well as started an oil distribution company, Bethel Oil Company, with his wife and his in-laws. Ruel was a talented oil burner service person and also delivered bottled gas and installed gas fixtures and furnaces. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to customers and his extended family grew a great deal. Ruel was also a 50+ year member of the Masonic Lodge, as well as Bethel American Legion Post #81.

Ruel was a generous, well-loved and hardworking man leaving the legacy of the Swain Family Farm which is continuing under the leadership of his son Ed. To learn more about this rich farming history, reference the article found in the Bethel Maine History - The Bethel Journals - Swain Family Farm [http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Farming/Swain\\_Farm.pdf](http://www.thebetheljournals.info/Farming/Swain_Farm.pdf).

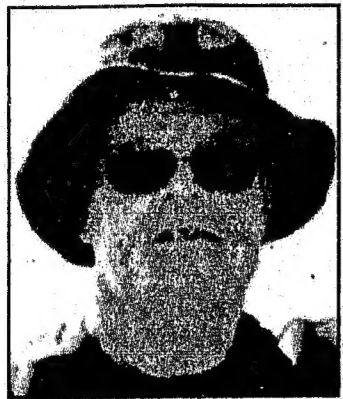
We will greatly miss Ruel's sense of humor, storytelling and love and respect for hard work, farming, the land, and family.

Special thanks go to his caregivers of the last several months: Dr. Kevin Finley and staff at the Bethel Family Health Center; Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice; Ledgeview Living Center for the excellent care and so many friends and family that helped to ease his last transition and support his family. Online

condolences may be shared with his family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

A wake and celebration of Ruel's life will be held at the Chandler Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel, on Thursday, April 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will take place at the Pleasant Valley Bible Church in West Bethel on Saturday, April 12 at 3 p.m.

Committal services will be announced later in the spring since it appears that we will have a spring this year after all. In lieu of flowers donations may be given to the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice or Ledgeview Living Center.



CHARLES A. LOWE

Charles A. Lowe, 67, passed away due to cancer on March 28, 2014. He was born Dec. 14, 1946 in Norway and graduated from West Paris High School in June of 1966. He joined the U. S. Army shortly after high school and served in Germany and Vietnam as a cook and was honorably discharged after his reserve time in June of 1977. He then went to work for the Maine Department of Transportation and retired after 25 years. He worked at Mt. Abram for 10 years and enjoyed doing jobs for other people.

He loved his time in the outdoors, plowing with his Kubota in the winter, fishing, splitting wood and yard maintenance throughout the rest of the year. Throughout his life he also loved his time spent at Yoke Pond Camp in Kokadjo. He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Fran Begin-Lowe; daughter, Bethany Hale and husband Kenneth; grandson, Ayden Hale; sister, Gloria McAllister and husband Glyde; stepmother, Donna Lowe; stepbrother and stepsisters Mike Lowe, Linda Lowe-Jordan and Kelly Hasselbach; and his countless near and dear

**Thank You**  
We want to say thank you to Alfred "T", Sharon, Kathy T., Mabel, Thirza, and Darnita for all the special care you gave Ruel. We love you all.  
*The Swain Family*

friends from Mt. Abram and around the world. He will be greatly and dearly missed by all who knew him. Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

As per his request there will be no services. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Andrews Chapel, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.



HELEN DEANIS

Mrs. Helen Lang Marie Deanis passed away on April 8, 2014, after a long courageous battle with cancer, with her loving family lovingly by her side.

Helen was born the daughter of Arthur and Marie Lang of Andover on August 27, 1937. She grew up in Andover and graduated valedictorian from Andover High School in 1955 and graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1959 with a BA Degree. During her young years she enjoyed all sports, music and games. During high school she worked part time at the Andover Telephone Co., tending the switchboard and the store. She waitressed summers at the Barkers in Oquossoc and York Beach.

Helen taught school in Andover and Mexico where she retired in 1988. As a child she spent every summer at Roxbury Pond Camp enjoying her family and friends. Helen and Gerald later converted the camp into their permanent home.

Helen took piano lessons and later gave lessons as well as being assistant organist at the Andover Congregational Church of which she was a member. She loved doing many things with her family: travel, fishing trips, camping, etc. She was blessed with many dear friends, especially the Pond Purl Girls with whom she shared many Tuesdays of fun loving time (knitting, or other projects). Additionally, she enjoyed playing cribbage each Wednesday at Ellis Pond Variety.

She married her high school sweetheart Gerald Deanis in Andover, Maine on June 21, 1958; he survives of Roxbury. Other survivors include one brother, Elliott Lang of Hudson, N.H.; two daughters, Jodie Wilson and husband Doug of Bethel, Kimbalie Moore and husband Clay of Vidor, Texas; brother-in-law Barry Deanis, wife Cyndi and family; sister-in-law Phyllis Nicols and husband Jim and family of Mexico; grandchildren Danna Wilson of California, Dane Wilson of Indiana, Drew Wilson of Bethel, Lauren Brooke Moore and Christopher Moore of Texas, Jarod Deanis and wife Tanya of Lewiston, Randie-Marie Smogonovich and husband James of Kansas and Melissa Lynn Deanis of Pennsylvania along with four step-grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Helen was predeceased by her son, Randall Lee Deanis and wife Leslie and their two sons Brock and Bronson in 1985; a son Gerald (Jerry) Sean Deanis in 1994; a sister Dorothy Lang in 2007; niece Debbie Lang and mother-in-law Eleanor Ames of Mexico.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online register book and share memories with the family at [www.meadranderson.com](http://www.meadranderson.com).

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Andover Congregational Church with Rev. Jane C. Rich officiating. Interment later in the spring will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. Those who desire may contribute to either the Oncology Dept. at the Rumford Community Hospital c/o Central Registration, 420 Franklin Street Rumford, Maine 04276 or to the Oncology Dept. at Stephens Memorial Hospital 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268 in her memory. Arrangements are under the direction of Mead-er & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street Rumford, 207-364-4545.

## Rumford Library poetry program

Friends of the Rumford Library President Andra Beauchesne announced the launch of the new community-wide Rumford Library Poetry Program, Thursday, April 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m. "We're happy to be starting the program during National Poetry Month," Beauchesne said.

"Our committee finalized plans for the first poetry event yesterday," she continued. Other Poetry Program committee members are Library Director Luke Sorensen, and Friends members Jenn-Cohen, Jan MacFarlane, and Linda Macgregor.

"We aim to involve River Valley residents of all ages and interests," Sorensen noted. The committee hopes to attract poetry fans, would-be poets, and poets. "I have an idea there are lots of poets in our community," Jane MacFarlane said. She has been writing poetry for many years.

The committee plans to alternate between informal gatherings - the April 24 event is one of those - and guest poets reading and talking about their works. Former Maine Poet Laureate Betsy Sholl is on board for a guest reading; and the committee is reaching out to other Maine poets, Wesley McNair, the present Maine Poet Laureate and Richard Blanco are among those the committee hopes to bring to the Rumford Library.

Over the next weeks, posters and newspaper listings will promote the new Rumford Library Poetry Program. "But," Beauchesne said, "we encourage folks to pick a poem and put April 24 at 5:30 pm in the Public Room at the Library in their calendars today!"

## Norway Memorial Library spring program series

Norway Memorial Library invites the public to "Living Sustainably," a four part series beginning on Thursday, April 17 and consecutively every two weeks until May 29. Each program will focus on a specific topic in living sustainably and feature a guest speaker. The topics we will cover include raising chickens, building and living in alternative housing, different ways to preserve vegetables and the importance bees have in our ecology. These programs will have you looking at your backyard in a whole new way.

The first program, "Raising Chickens in Your Backyard" is presented by Diane L Ward, a participant of the master gardener and master food preserver volunteer programs at the Oxford County Cooperative Extension for the past five years. Ward began raising chickens in 1973 with dual purpose chickens, bantam chickens and raising chickens from eggs. Ward's presentation will include a discussion of the varieties of breeds, housing your flock, and the care and feeding of chickens.

All programs run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

To register for all or just one program, or if you need more information, please call the information desk at 743-5309 ext. 1.

April 17, 6:30 p.m., "Raising Chickens" with Diane L. Ward.

May 1, 6:30 p.m., "Alternative Housing" with Alex Miller and CEBE's Scott Vlaun.

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